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Wilmington, N. C., November 16, 1915.

President, Dr. E. E. Smith, called the Convention to order in its Forty-Eighth Annual Session, at 7:30 P. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. S. W. Smith and Rev. Thomas Parker.

After a well-worded selection was sung, Rev. Parker read the first Psalms and offered prayer.

"*Blessed Assurance*" was sung by the choir. The President then made some brief, but timely remarks, and presented the Master of Ceremonies, Rev. David B. Mdodona, Pastor of Central Baptist Church, who in a few fitting words, announced the commencement of the program for the evening by the local committee.

The choir rendered a very appropriate selection—"*The Messiah.*"

The Pastor, Rev. W. H. Moore, D. D., was presented, who extended a very cordial welcome to the ministers, delegates, and visitors—on behalf of his church—a welcome that made everybody feel at home. (See address.)

Rev. Geo. W. Moore, D. D., of Raleigh, N. C., responded to the welcome in well-chosen words. Said he, Mr. President, we are glad to be here, to come in touch with a people whose generosity has no end. We have come to work for the Master; therefore, let the dust of past difficulties be shaken from our feet, and let the old banner of our Lord and Savior be, one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. On the part of the Convention, we accept your welcome.

The choir then led in a strain of melodious music.

Welcome on behalf of the B. Y. P. U. was delivered by Mr. Robert Hill, with words that brought loud applause.

Welcome on behalf of the Ministers' Conference of the city, by Rev. J. C. Scarboro, D. D., Pastor of Congregational Church, who very fittingly expressed the pleasure it gave the ministerism of the city to have us come. Rev. J. C. Melton, of Reidsville, responded in well-chosen words.

The choir sang sweetly another selection—"*No One Can Deliver Us.*"

Welcome on behalf of the fraternal organizations of the city was by Mrs. Victoria Lofton. While she spoke, we felt that if circumstances would permit, the Convention might make Wilmington the headquarters for the Baptists of North Carolina.

Rev. J. J. Scarlette, of Fayetteville, responded with timely remarks. Said he, "Secret orders serve their places as agents of the Church; I like them. I am a member of some of them, but it is a matter of business to me—the Church must do the work. Salvation can come only through the Church of Christ."

A solo was sung by Mr. Nathaniel Cash, Music Director of Shiloh Baptist Church.

Welcome on behalf of the city by his honor, Mayor P. Q. Moore, was delivered by Mr. W. M. Cumming, who spoke on the part of the Mayor, who had been detained at home on account of illness in the family.

Dr. A. W. Pegues responded on behalf of the Convention; his words were a chain of sentences that expressed the very letter of the purpose and spirit of the Convention, and assuring his honor that he would have no reason in after days to regret having welcomed this body to his city.

Mr. W. H. Sprunt was introduced by the Pastor, Rev. W. H. Moore. He came forward and, after greeting the delegation and the choir, he said, "I am glad to be here; it is good to be here. After listening to the many logical speeches and the splendid music, I feel like saying Amen." He congratulated the Pastor for being the advisor and promoter in building such a church as has been built here. He spoke of his son

having got his first impression in this church about Christ.

After the very timely remarks, the President made some brief remarks.

Dr. P. S. Lewis spoke of the passing of Dr. Booker T. Washington, and moved that the Convention express its sympathy to the family of the lamented Booker T. Washington, by appointing a committee to draft suitable resolutions, and to send a telegram expressing the same to be read at the funeral; the motion was approved by the Convention, and the committee was appointed as follows: Dr. P. S. Lewis, Dr. C. S. Brown, Dr. W. T. Coleman, Dr. M. A. Talley.

After some objecting remarks by Dr. Vass and Dr. A. W. Pegues, a Commission of nine was appointed by the President to confer with a similar Commission appointed by the North Carolina National Baptist Convention of the State, with instructions that said Commission report not later than Thursday morning of this week. The Commission was appointed as follows: Dr. G. O. Bullock, Dr. C. S. Brown, Dr. A. B. Vincent, Dr. A. W. Pegues, Dr. N. F. Roberts, Dr. G. W. Watkins, Dr. E. M. Brawley, Dr. S. H. Witherspoon, Dr. A. M. Moore.

After some further remarks by Dr. A. M. Moore, Dr. A. W. Pegues, and Dr. R. Spiller, the Session adjourned with benediction by Dr. S. L. Johnson.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY FORENOON.

The Convention re-convened at 9:30 A. M. Opening devotion was conducted by Rev. J. T. Deans and Rev. Geo. W. Williams.

Rev. Deans lined hymn No. 124—"*Amazing Grace, etc.*" Rev. Williams read the scripture lesson from the fourth chapter of Ephe. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. W. Smith. "*Savior More Than Life to Me*" was sung.

General theme—"Baptist Unity" was ably discussed by Rev. Geo. Williams and Rev. Deans. Ten o'clock being the hour set for Dr. Booker T. Washington's funeral, it was suggested that the minutes be read, and a short time be spent in eulogistic services in respect to

the value of Dr. Washington's life to his race. The suggestion was accepted, and the Secretary read the minutes which were approved.

The President called the eulogistic service immediately at 10 A. M. Dr. A. M. Moore said, "I regard the death of Dr. Booker T. Washington as a serious blow to the race and denomination, for he was indeed a great man in character."

Rev. I. M. Powers said, "I admired Dr. Washington, because his was a spirit to elevate his race industrially, and because he wrote ten lines in his book that gave the negro reputation."

Rev. J. M. Taylor said, "I admired him because, to my mind, he was a greater man than Alexander, or the Pope of Rome."

Dr. G. W. Moore said, "I admired Dr. Washington because he stood for those principles that lifted up any race."

Rev. T. Parker said, "It gives me pleasure to have known him personally."

Dr. C. C. Sommerville said, "I admired Dr. Washington because he was a link between two great races."

Dr. E. M. Brawley said, "It was my happy privilege to have known Dr. Washington when he first came to Tuskegee; he lived his time out; one more day would have been too long."

Dr. L. T. Christmas said, "It was sad that we do not sympathize with one while he is carrying the burden."

Dr. S. L. Johnson said, "He was a great man."

Dr. C. S. Brown said, "He was a great character, perhaps one of the greatest the nation has ever produced."

"*Asleep in Jesus*" was led by Dr. W. H. Moore. At this end, the memorial services closed.

The special order was taken up—the President's address. Dr. S. H. Witherspoon was called to the chair, who in a few complimentary remarks, presented the President, who in obedience to time-honored custom, arose and delivered one of the most thoughtful and instructive addresses that this Convention ever listened to. (See address.) After which, Dr. A. B. Vincent made some timely remarks, and motioned the address be referred to a Committee on President's Address. The following were appointed Committee on President's

Address: Rev. I. M. Powers, Rev. S. S. Pearson, Prof. Legain, Dr. R. I. Walton, Rev. H. M. Ellis.

The several committees were appointed. (See list.)

Committee on Enrollment made a partial report (See report.) On motion of Dr. A. M. Moore, a Commission consisting of the following names be appointed to confer with Dr. White to agree on some definite plan upon which the Theological Department of Shaw University and Secondary Schools having theological departments: Dr. C. S. Brown, Prof. C. F. Pope, Prof. C. F. Graves, Dr. C. M. Cartright, Dr. A. W. Pegues, Prof. W. H. Knuckles, Dr. N. F. Roberts, Dr. E. M. Browley, Dr. P. F. Maloy, Dr. E. E. Smith, Dr. G. O. Bullock, Dr. A. M. Moore, Dr. S. N. Vass, Rev. A. A. Smith and Rev. David B. Mdodona.

The following visitors were introduced to the Convention: Rev. L. T. Christmas, Dr. C. M. Cartright, Prof. G. M. James, Prof. E. A. Taylor, Dr. W. H. Bryant, Dr. D. W. Dance, Dr. R. A. Morricy, Dr. G. D. Griffin, Prof. C. F. Graves, and on motion of Dr. C. S. Brown, that these brethren be accepted as fraternal messengers with all the privileges accorded messengers.

"Standing on the Promise" was sung, and a hearty hand-shake participated in by all present. This act seemed to express the very spirit of Christ, such as none but Christians could understand.

Dr. C. M. Cartright made remarks that were pregnant with the very spirit of Christ. Dr. G. D. Griffin, the President of the Sunday School Convention of the North Carolina National Baptist Convention, was introduced, and made remarks gratifying to all. Dr. C. C. Sommerville was appointed newspaper reporter.

Dr. A. B. Vincent closed the morning session with benediction.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The opening devotion was conducted by Dr. P. S. Lewis and Rev. G. W. Penny.

After singing a selection by Rev. Penny, Dr. Lewis read the 133rd Psalm. Rev. Penny led in a fervent prayer.

Second hymn, No. 626 was sung. Subject—"Baptist Unity" was ably discussed by Dr. P. S. Lewis. He plainly set forth the principles that should characterize all true Baptists. Said he, "The Baptist should be one the world over—as Christ prayed His Father to make them one. The minutes of the morning Session were read and approved. Mr. J. E. Taylor and Dr. J. A. Barner, of the Presbyterian Church, were introduced.

After which, the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. C. S. Brown, made his report. (See report.) Committee on President's Address made their report, and on motion of Dr. C. S. Brown, a committee of three was appointed to bear greetings to the A. M. E. Conference, now in session in this city, at St. Stephen's A. M. E. Church. The following were appointed: Dr. S. N. Vass, Dr. G. D. Griffin, and Dr. M. A. Talley.

The Treasurer, Dr. Geo. W. Moore, submitted his report, approved by the Auditor, which was approved and adopted.

The session closed to reassemble at 7:30. Benediction by Dr. N. F. Roberts.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Devotional services were conducted in a general way. Singing—"*Coming Home.*" Rev. J. M. Taylor led in a fervent prayer, then the President led "*Come Ye that Love the Lord, etc.*" Rev. Peter McMilon joined in prayer.

Dr. C. C. Sommerville, of Portsmouth, Va., was presented; he said he came to bear greetings from the Tidewater Ministers' Union of Virginia. At this end, Dr. E. M. Brawley was presented, and made a strong appeal for a better prepared ministry, and offered to help those who would come to his Ministers' Institute at Durham during the month of January, 1916. He further asked the ministers and all to take one of his books at 5 and 10 cents which will help with the expenses of his school.

The hour having come for the introductory sermon,

by Dr. M. A. Tally, he, with Dr. S. T. Eldridge, ascended the pulpit. Dr. Eldridge read the second chapter of second Peter. The choir then sang "*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, etc.*" Prayer was fervently offered by Dr. S. L. Johnson. The choir sang "*The Hallelujah Chorus,*" which was listened to with earnestness. The President introduced Dr. Tally, who in obedience to the program, arose and used for a text the ninth verse of the second chapter of first Peter. Words: But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and holy nation. A peculiar people: that ye should show forth the praises of Him, who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. The sermon was one of thought, deep in the doctrine of our faith, sound in theology, and delivered with power, and enjoyed by all who heard him.

Dr. S. T. Eldridge took us to the throne of grace in prayer. The choir sang "*Praise Him.*"

The President presented next, Dr. N. F. Roberts, who spoke on "The Present Need of the Theological Department of Shaw University," and took an offering for the department. Several gave one dollar, names of whom were too numerous to mention. Total amount raised, $82.00. The President then presented Rev. G. A. Mial, who spoke on "The Needs of the Orphan Home at Winston-Salem." A collection was taken, amounting to $20.25.

The Commission appointed to confer with a similar one appointed by the North Carolina National Baptist Convention, submitted their report. The report, on motion, was received and adopted. The Convention stood adjourned for the evening. Benediction by Dr. S. L. Johnson.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY FORENOON.

Praise services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Taylor. "*'Tis the Promise of God*" was sung. The 28th chapter of St. Matthew was read as a scripture lesson. Rev. T. Parker led in prayer.

"*Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone, etc.,*" was sung.

Rev. W. D. Smith offered prayer. A few minutes were spent in an expression meeting. Those who took part were: Rev. J. D. Walker, Rev. O. Watkin, Dr. P. F. Maloy, Rev. J. W. Smith, Rev. J. T. Kerr, Rev. H. Pair, Rev. B. W. Williams, and Rev. J. H. Dunston.

After which, the President presented Dr. J. J. Scarlette, who discussed the subject—"Are the Churches Losing Influence Over the People? If so, why?"

Among the many things he said—"Whatever we are, whatever we have been in the past, it is due to the Church.

The many points made by the speaker rendered it true that he was fully equal to the task assigned him. "*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, etc.,*" was sung. Minutes were read and adopted. Committee on Organization made their report, which recommended the reelection of all officers. The report was adopted. (See report.)

By special invitation, by those in authority, the following persons were appointed to visit the Corn Show going on in the city: Dr. P. S. Lewis, Dr. M. A. Tally, Dr. C. F. Pope, Rev. W. C. Pope, Dr. S. T. Eldrige, Dr. W. H. Moore, Dr. N. F. Roberts, Rev. J. M. Taylor, Bro. N. P. Frinch, Rev. H. Pair, Rev. G. W. Carver, Dr. G. W. Moore, Rev. E. W. Andrews, Rev. R. A. Wooten, Rev. B. W. Williams, and Rev. D. P. Walker.

The Laymen's Movement was discussed by Prof. J. W. Paisley to its fullest extent, and made the Convention feel, as well as see, the necessity of the movement.

Dr. A. B. Vincent made some timely remarks as to the earnest efforts of Prof. Paisley in this work.

Rev. G. W. Watkins spoke on the subject, giving us much information on the Laymen's Movement. Dr. R. Spiller and Dr. S. L. Johnson each had words; also Rev. J. J. Scarlette.

Dr. S. L. Johnson was presented, and made a telling speech on the subject.

The following visitors were introduced: Dr. W. M. Alexander, of Baltimore, Md.; Dr. W. H. Stokes, of Richmond, Va.; and Dr. F. H. Harris, of Asheville, N. C.

Dr. R. I. Walton made remarks with reference to the

Oxford Orphanage. Dr. A. W. Pegues made remarks respecting the Deaf and Dumb institution at Raleigh. Dr. P. F. Maloy spoke on the home field. Subject—"The Needs of the Hour and How to Meet Them."

At this end, Dr. J. Francis Lee, Pastor of St. Luke A. M. E. Z. Church, of the city, with Dr. R. F. Rollins and Rev. J. H. Quence, were introduced. Dr. Lee had words.

The morning session closed to re-convene at 2:30 P. M. Benediction by the President.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The President called the Convention to order. Rev. P. W. King and Rev. J. F. Davis conducted the devotional exercises. "*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*" was sung. The thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians was read by Rev. Davis. Rev. King offered prayer. "*There's Not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus*" was sung. The President then presented Rev. Geo. W. Penny, who spoke on the subject—"Building Up a Strong Ministry Our Immediate Need." Brethren, said he, "We need the ministry which belongs to God. First, we need a pure ministry. Second, the life of the Church depends upon the ministry. Rev. L. H. Powell said, 'To be a minister, a man should be physically strong; secondly, spiritually strong.' "

After a short song, "*Will There Be Any Stars In My Crown,*" Rev. A. J. Jones made some brief but encouraging remarks.

Rev. H. I. Quick made a splendid talk on "Conventional Recognition." Dr. R. H. Harris asked leave of absence. Rev. F. H. Harris, of Asheville, was called upon for words; he came forward and gave words that inspired us. Dr. P. F. Maloy and Rev. O. J. Allen were appointed as a Committee to represent this Convention over the mountains.

Mr. J. E. Ray, Superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb institution at Raleigh, was introduced. He referred to the work in which he was engaged. He said, "The

deaf and dumb and blind institution is the largest of any kind in the State. The colored department of the institution has one hundred and sixty students." He said, further, "That a large number of students going out from this institution live honorable lives and make good citizens." This is a very gratifying state of the institution.

Dr. E. M. Brawley discussed the subject—"Building Up a Strong Ministry, Our Immediate Need. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," said he. "The first in the command is to make disciples of the people; second, teach them; third, baptize them. After evangelizing the people, we are to baptize them."

"A Christian," said he, "is a man, is a small reproduction of the Christ. Christ means for us to take all three parts in this commission. To make Christians, you must take hold of them and teach them; 'teaching them to observe whatsoever I've commanded you,' saith the Lord. That is to teach him of the Kingdom of Heaven and its doctrine. Those who have accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Christ said very little about the Church, but His Kingdom.

"The word Church occurs only twice in Matthew, but over and over the Kingdom of Christ is spoken. That is what we must teach young converts.

"The holy spirit must be taught. The untrained man cannot teach it. Christ taught missions. Christ taught the ordinances. He taught the moral law; you must know it. Do you know it? How can an untrained man teach. He asked many questions on moral law; if you fail to teach these things, the people will be damaged."

Dr. Brawley also spoke of social service work. He spoke of the Pastor's work. He said, "A Pastor cannot teach the people a work he doesn't understand."

Said he, "You must educate, you owe it to your people; you owe it to Jesus Christ to prepare to make yourself proficient."

Dr. C. S. Brown presented Dr. Chas. F. Meserve, President of Shaw University, who came forward and gave a splendid address to the Convention. Dr. R. Spiller made some remarks that were timely.

Dr. C. S. Brown also presented Dr. C. L. White, who

came forward to bear greeting from the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Dr. White gave a practical account of the society, and expressed himself as being highly gratified in meeting the brethren in the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

At the conclusion of the address, the Convention closed the afternoon session with benediction by Dr. M. A. Tally.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY EVENING.

The President, Dr. E. E. Smith, called the house to order. After a song service by the congregation, the choir rendered a selection. Rev. A. A. Smith prayed the blessings of God fervently upon the Session. "*Holy, Holy*" was sung.

The President then presented Dr. S. N. Vass, Superintendent of negro work of the American Baptist Publication Society for the United States, and who has been in the service of the Society and the denomination for twenty-three years, who addressed the Convention on his work. Dr. Vass said in part:

"The Society sends greetings, and stands ready to help to the unification of our people in this State in all possible ways. There is no body in the entire country that stands for union more than this Society, for it is not a sectional, nor yet a race organization, but is for all the people of all races and all sections of this great country. Whatever opposition has ever developed to it, has come because it seeks to make its work nation-wide, and to do its work in such way as make the co-operation of the races possible.

"It would be impossible to tell all that the Society has done for negro Baptists, and especially for this State. The excellent address of Dr. Brawley, to which you have just listened, was made possible by his liberal education, and this education was made possible by Dr. Benj. Griffith, who was at the time, Secretary of this Society. Dr. Griffith educated Dr. Brawley, and then created a position for him in the work of the Society,

where he gained valuable experience on the field. And Dr. Brawley is one of many. The fact is that in the early years after our emancipation, in addition to its usual work, the Society conducted a kind of university extension work for the special benefit of negro leaders, and it also created positions for them to help their people, and paid them to help their own people. Shall we ever forget such a Society?

"To say nothing about other workers, the Society supports me to do a class of work that our people have not yet so valued as to adequately support. I devote my entire time to studying and teaching the Bible, and by the grace of God, I have done this work in all parts of the country, and it is now bearing fruit.

"During the time that no missionary under this Convention is on the field in this State, I shall render whatever assistance in my power in conducting Bible institutes in the churches. I appreciate the support given me in this work, and ask for your continued support and prayers."

Dr. Vass is regarded by the Baptists of the country as one of its strongest men, and has the confidence of all who know him as a teacher of the Bible; he has few equals.

The hour having come for the missionary sermon, Dr. W. H. Stokes, of Richmond, Va., with Dr. O. S. Bullock, of High Point, N. C., ascended the pulpit. Dr. Bullock lined hymn No. 396—"*I Know That My Redeemer Lives, etc.,*" and read the tenth chapter of St. Luke. Dr. P. F. Maloy led us in prayer.

Second selection was a quartette. "*My God, the Springs of All My Joy, etc.,*" was sung.

The President introduced Dr. W. H. Stokes, who arose, and used for a text the twentieth verse of the sixteenth chapter of St. Mark. Words: "And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working mightily."

Subject—"The Effect of the Great Commission Upon the Believers."

The authority of a believer to preach the gospel was discussed to its fullest extent. The speaker showed that to preach was a great mission, and was that mission

that made believers in the doctrines of Jesus Christ. He further showed that the effect was great, because believers will follow the command. The sermon was a strong one, and much inspiration was gained.

The choir sang sweetly a choice selection.

Dr. C. S. Brown introduced Dr. W. M. Alexander, of Baltimore, Md., Corresponding Secretary of the Lott Cary Foreign Mission Convention.

Dr. Alexander came forward and spoke to the Convention out of the fullness of his heart. He gave a brief account of the missionary work in Africa, and the work done by the Lott Cary Convention. A collection was taken for foreign missions. The following amounts were given by churches and individuals:

Spring Branch, by Dr. G. W. Moore	$3.00
First Baptist, Rocky Mount	1.00
Sycamore Baptist Church	1.00
Tupper Memorial, Raleigh	1.00
Betholite, by Rev. M. R. Robinson	1.00
Rev. A. A. Dixon	1.00
Mt. Gilead, Rev. J. T. Deans	1.00
Olive Branch	1.00
Union County	1.00
Dr. R. Spiller	1.00
Rev. C. H. Williamson	1.00
Rev. C. E. Askew	1.00
Ellem Grove	.35
Madison Grove	1.00
Chilston Grove	1.00
Rev. A. J. Jones	1.00
Rev. L. T. Christmas	1.00
Nebow Baptist, P. F. Maloy, D. D.	1.00
Pike Creek	1.00
Elizabeth, Rev. J. D. Cowan	1.00
Dr. A. B. Vincent	1.00
Wilson Chapel	1.00
Rev. D. S. Saulters	1.00

The Session closed with benediction by Rev. R. A. Jones.

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY MORNING

The Convention was called to order by the President at 9:30 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. L. H. Powell and Prof. C. F. Pope. Rev. Powell led in prayer.

Rev. Pope read the fourth chapter of second Titus. Dr. N. F. Roberts offered invocation. Hymn No. 251. "*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, etc.,*" was sung. Rev. Pope spoke to the Convention from the topic—"The Youth of the Race." His address was short, but very instructive. The minutes were read and approved by the Convention.

The following visitors were introduced: Dr. G. D. Carns, Dr. F. W. Sowell, Dr. E. H. Hunter, Rev. R. W. Brown, and Rev. Deberry, all of the A. M. E. Conference. Dr. Hunter represented the committee with words very pleasantly expressed. Dr. C. C. Sommerville was called upon by the President to accept the remarks of the committee on behalf of the Convention, which he did with ability.

Dr. C. S. Brown had words that cemented the remarks of the speakers. Dr. A. M. Moore spoke of the "Needs of the Rural Schools, and the Part Taken by the State Teachers' Association." He was followed by an original poem by the Rev. Dr. S. W. Sowell. Rev. I. M. Powers spoke on the subject—"Our Associations and Their Relations to the Convention." The address was well prepared, and ably delivered.

Rev. A. A. Smith was the next speaker on the topic who advanced many practical thoughts and suggestions on the subject.

Dr. Eldrige was called upon, and spoke on the above subject with electrifying force. He suggested we need a Reformatory School, and appealed to the brethren for aid in the movement at Charlotte, N. C.

The following brethren gave their pledge to be paid by the 15th of February, 1916:

Dr. E. E. Smith (paid)	$10.00
Rev. J. H. Rhoe	10.00
Rev. B. J. Jordan	20.00
Rev. G. W. Billips	5.00
Rev. J. C. Melton	5.00
Rev. C. H. Williams	10.00
Rev. A. Cooper	5.00
Rev. A. McMillon	1.00
Rev. I. M. Powers	5.00
Rev. J. T. Deans	5.00

Rev. Baker, of the Presbyterian Church (white), was introduced, and spoke a few minutes, showing his co-

operation with us in the work we are engaged. Rev G. W. Watkins, of Charlotte, spoke in behalf of the Convention. Committee on Resolutions made their report. (See report.)

Dr. R. Spiller made some remarks with regards to the accommodation received here during this Convention and Session, and the sacrifice made by the Pastor to cause this to be done. The President gave his check for $25.00 as a donation to this Pastor, Dr. W. H. Moore. Others followed the example of our esteemed President, and $47.50 was given him. On motion, Rev. W. H. Moore was made a life-time member of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The Session closed with benediction by Dr. G. W. Watkins.

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Convened according to program. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. D. S. Salters and L. T. Christmas. Rev. Salters lined hymn No. 480—"*Oh for a Heart to Praise My God, etc.*" Rev. Christmas read the 18 Psalms and offered prayer. Second hymn No. 671—"*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord, etc.*" was sung. Vice-President, Rev. I. M. Powers, presiding. Minutes were read and approved. Committee on Place reported the next Session to meet at Durham, January 12, 1916. Dr. C. S. Brown motioned a substitute that we meet subject to a call of the Board, naming the place of the next meeting.

Committee on Temperance made their report. (See report.) Dr. S. N. Vass reported his attendance upon the National Baptist Convention at Chicago. Rev. Dr. Spiller spoke briefly. Mrs. F. E. Vance was introduced, and had a few words, and extended an invitation to the ministers and delegates to her millinery store which is in the city.

The Finance Committee made their report. Total amount collected during the Session, $1,111.07; collected by the Ministers' Conference, $34.00; making a grand total of $1,145.07. Rev. Thos. Parker asked leave of absence.

The Session closed. Benediction by Dr. A. B. Vincent.

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY EVENING.

Convention convened at 7:30, holding the last meeting for this Session.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. R. Spiller, who sang and prayed fervently upon the Convention and its success, until one could feel the very spirit of Christ in the meeting.

The choir rendered a selection. The President presented Dr. P. F. Maloy, who spoke in the interest of the Baptists across the mountains in western North Carolina, principally the Union Academy.

A collection taken to the amount of $6.03, which was donated to the Secondary School work.

The choir rendered another selection. Rev. J. J. Scarlette read the twelfth chapter of Hebrews. Dr. P. F. Maloy offered prayer. Another selection was rendered by the choir.

The President presented Rev. J. W. Blacknell, of Garysburg, who arose and used for a text the twelfth chapter of Romans, second verse. Words: "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds, that ye may prove what is acceptable and true will of God."

The sermon was practical and plainly delivered.

Many amens were heard while he fed us out of God's word. Rev. J. T. Deans offered prayer. Hallelujah was sung by the choir. A collection of $4.55 was lifted, and the amount was donated to Revs. R. H. Harper, D. T. Best, and R. Royals. The President made some closing remarks, complimenting the choir for the excellent music rendered during the meeting.

Doxology was sung. Benediction by Dr. D. J. Avery.

E. E. SMITH, President.
Fayetteville, N. C.

W. H. MOORE, Recording Secretary,
Wilmington, N. C.

C. S. BROWN, Corresponding Secretary,
Winton, N. C.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Rev. D. C. Gore Writes.

Supply, N. C.

Dr. E. E. Smith, President of the Baptist State Convention, in Session at Wilmington, N. C.

Dear Brother:—It is my desire to be with you in the Session, but other matters have claimed my attention. Though not with you in person, but my prayers are with you, and hoping you a successful meeting; find inclosed one dollar for the Convention. I remain

Yours in the bonds of peace.

Rev. Alfred Jones Writes.

Charlotte, N. C.

To the Baptist State Convention, in Session at Wilmington, N. C.

Dear Brethren:—It was my desire to be present with you at this time, but owing to circumstances, I am prevented.

I trust that success may attend you in every way. I am praying for you, and oh how I regret I cannot be with you.

I am writing because it is the only medium through which I may converse with you, and in the meantime, show to you that I am interested in the welfare of this Assembly.

May the blessing of God attend your deliberations.

Report of Committee on President's Address.

We, your Committee on the President's Address, class the address as a very able one, full of thought, full of needful recommendations, which should be carefully considered and put into practice.

We recommend that the entire address be published in the minutes, with the addition of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, being adopted for our help, along with the Winston Orphanage and the Bible Institute work of Dr. S. N. Vass, along with that of Dr. E. M. Brawley, as mentioned in said address.

I. M. POWERS,
J. W. LEGON,
S. S. PERSON,
R. I. WALTON,
H. M. ELLIS,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Place.

We, your Committee on place, beg to submit the following: We recommend the next Session to meet in Annual Session at such a place as may be named by the Board of the Convention.

C. E. ASKEW,
H. PAIR,
O. S. BULLOCK,
H. I. QUICK,
C. H. WILLIAMS,
A. T. PRICE,
S. T. ELDRIGE,
THOMAS SHARP,
I. M. POWERS,
E. M. BRAWLEY,
G. W. PENNY,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, report as follows:

Whereas, this Convention has always stood for the highest standard of Christian living, and has always opposed whatever tended to evade the law and degrade citizenship, and

Whereas, alcoholic drinks not only injure the body, but also the soul, and renders less efficient the users, and by causing men to spend their money for that which is not meat, and their labor for that which satisfies not; and

Whereas, it makes children orphans, and widows homeless, and causes the most atrocious crimes to be committed. Be it

Resolved, First: Tht we urge every Christian father and mother in North Carolina to teach their children Temperance, both by precept and example; and also urge them to create a strong sentiment against its use.

Second: That this Convention disapprove of, and discourage the use of strong drink as a beverage by laymen and ministers.

Third: That all of us use our influence against the illegal use and sale of the same.

Fourth: That we hereby endorse the laws which the General Assembly has put upon the statute books against it.

Fifth: That we also endorse the work of the W. C. T. U., and urge every church belonging to this Convention to organize Temperance Societies, and teach the members the great evils of intemperance and the curse pronounced upon those who use strong drink in the Word of God.

We also discourage the use of tobacco in any form.

S. L. JOHNSON, J. W. PAISLEY,
A. L. E. WEEKS, A. A. SMITH,
W. H. SHAW, N. B. DUNHAM,
PROF. C. F. POPE, G. D. GRIFFIN,
R. H. HARRIS,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

We, your Committee, beg to submit they are reminded of the fact that in the midst of life we are in death, and in the heights of earthly glory we stand but above the grave.

Through the wisdom of an All-Wise Providence, we had taken from our ranks two of our beloved brethren, Rev. N. C. Johnson, of Stoval, N. C., late Moderator of the Middle Association; and Rev. J. W. Tate, of the Trent River Association. We, therefore, recommend that this Convention will respect the memory of these brethren by pausing at least ten minutes in a Memorial Exercise.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. TALLEY, C. S. CRUMPLER,
J. R. FAISON, J. D. COWAN,
P. W. KING, S. W. SMITH,
J. D. HARRELL, J. F. DAVIS,

Committee.

APPENDIX.

Annual Address of Rev. E. E. Smith, Ph. D., President of the Baptist State Convention.

Delivered in Wilmington, N. C., November 17, 1915.

My Brethren and Co-Laborers:

I come before you at this time, with a deep sense of the responsibility which the occasion imposes.

In the outset, let us acknowledge our gratitude to our common Father, who has directed our steps, established our going, guided, protected and kept us through the vicissitudes of another year. We have abundant cause for praise and thanksgiving to God for having preserved us through the many, varied and trying ordeals with which our paths have been beset, during the year now closing.

While 21,200,000 of the highest type of man's civilization, beyond the seas, are engaged in bloody, deadly warfare; with, perhaps, a daily loss of life by sword and shell, of more than 15,000 men, we can rejoice that political peace reigns abroad throughout the bounds of our land. Indeed, we thank our Heavenly Father, for national peace; for peace, harmony and good will existing between the two races in this country; but, we are far more thankful, for the peace and unity of Baptist brotherhood in North Carolina; for that peace which permeates our breasts at this moment; for that peace which has brought us together, as one, today; for that peace which comes down from above and is above all earthly joys and consideration.

Let us rejoice, brethren, that it is our privilege to possess such peace, and thereby have God esteem us worthy to labor jointly with Christ, our Lord, in establishing peace in the world; in lifting up fallen, bruised man, both at home and abroad; and in binding up his wounds; in preaching the gospel to the poor, and in carrying the word to the pagan world.

Do we fully realize the privilege of being a co-laborer with Christ? Do we duly appreciate the blessed distinction? In proportion as we realize, recognize and appreciate these weighty obligations—these God-given privileges, in like proportion will we address ourselves to the faithful performance of the sacred trust which these duties enjoin. Have we been true, thoughtful and vigilant, as God's under shepherds? Have we kept our face eastward, with our eyes ever fixed on the bright and Morning Star?

My brethren, if our time, our talents, our strength and our means have been placed upon God's altar, during the past year; if our feet have been swift to run, and with voice trumpet-like proclaim, to the neglected and perishing, the message of love, of peace and of power, which a benigned Father has entrusted to his minister; then may we listen for the plaudit—"Well done;" and, also, hear the cheering acclaim: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace."

If such be true, then our coming together to-day, in the Forty-Eighth Annual Session of our Convention, will prove a blessing to ourselves, to those whom we serve and to our State and country.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

Brethren, our pioneer fathers, who laid the foundation of this Convention and blazed the pathway hitherward, more than four decades ago, wrought well, with the light then afforded them. You have had more light than they. You have had a larger vision; and, hence, you as individuals have wrought better than they. This is patent. The world recognizes it. You have gone forth in season and out of season to preach the unsearchable riches of the Word. You have preached the truth as you understood it; preached it to welcome and to unwelcome hearers. You have borne the heat and burden of the day. You have quarried, as it were, the rough stone, chiseled, polished and made it fit for the building. You have erected or, caused to be built, more than 2,000 church houses; you have buried with Christ in baptism,

hundreds of thousands of believers, you have planned, directed and helped in the construction of scores of secondary schools, in different parts of the State. This you have done, as individuals or as associations.

As a convention, you were the first negro Baptist organization to do mission work abroad, in the dark continent of Africa. Even now, and also, for the past eighteen or twenty years, you are doing and have done, through our great Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, more effectual mission work in West Africa, than any other negro organization in the world.

For nearly forty years you have kept and supported from one to six active missionaries in Africa. For the past two years, this Convention has been doing some constructive work by way of assisting in the erection of a theological building at Shaw University; for which purpose a sum approximating $1,500 has been raised and turned over to the authorities of the University. This is perhaps a good beginning, but, my brethren, let it be but a start, at the work which this Convention shall do for the University. I feel that every negro Baptist in North Carolina can unite in an effort to raise a few thousand dollars, annually, for Shaw University. Because every negro Baptist in the State, and every interest for good, of all the people in the commonwealth has been helped by influences coming from Shaw University. You have done this, and more; and, yet, there is work to be done, there is territory yet to be possessed.

"Spare not, lengthen thy cords, strengthen thy stakes," my brethren, and God will give you the earth for your inheritance.

WORK BEFORE US.

My brethren, in the foregoing, it is intimated that you have preached and taught; but, now, permit me to suggest, that the time is at hand when the Baptist preacher must *teach* and *preach*. Teach a plain, practical religion. Teach that men must think, know and act. Teach that folks must be and do. Teach that frugality and economy should be handmaids of industry. Teach the sacredness of an obligation. Teach the importance

of filling engagements. Teach the desirability of system in affairs. Teach the harmfulness of baleful habits. Teach these basal religious fundamentals. Teach them by precept and by example.

As exponents of the Master's evangel, the minister must: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions."

"Teach them to observe all things." If you teach people to observe all things; if you tell men of their sins, and condemn the sin, you may expect to be criticized, rebuked, and maybe ostracized; but, nevertheless, teach and fear not, for you have the: "Lo, I am with you always," and this in itself is sufficient defense.

The great teacher, the Christ, is a spirit. He is a king. He has established His Kingdom. It is a spiritual Kingdom. Flesh and blood can not inherit this Kingdom. The subjects then, of this Kingdom, must be spiritual beings.

Man is a composit creature. He is composed of the spiritual, the intellectual and the physical man. Each elemental man, in composit man, must be nourished, trained and developed. I shall not now, however, dwell on the essentials, necessary for the proper development of the physical or the mechanical man, which is merely the tool of the intellectual man; nor shall I speak at length of the intellectual, because he is only the servant of the spiritual man.

The physical man has been developed in forest and field, throughout this section. The intellectual man, too, has been more or less trained in the fifty thousand free public schools opened to our youth in every part of the country; while the ambitious may go on in the development of the intellectual man, through the high or normal school, thence to the seminary, college or university. This brings us for a word touching the nourishment, development and training of the spiritual—that part of man that must live with Christ in his spiritual Kingdom. This elemental part of composit man is composed of a limitless number of invisible dormant or active sensations, which are fed through the intellect by means of the five senses.

It is the dormant sensations of the spiritual man that the minister seeks to excite, so that they may be taught to admire; to love the things that are true, the things that are honest, the things that are just, the things that are pure, the things that are lovely, the things that are of good report.

Man's original psychic equipment must be wrought upon, must be transformed through intellectualization and socialization. His emotions, when bridled and intellectualized become spiritualized sentiments, ready for the highest ethical service.

THE PRESENT.

Modern life is a life of ideas and ideals, as well as one of material interests and organization. On every hand may be seen complicated competition of human quality. The issue at stake among individuals, among classes, among communities, among nations and no less among some Baptists, is: "Which ideals and which qualities shall prevail?" Brethren, the future is rosy with the promise which it holds out to our convention; therefore, let no occasion ever arise whereby there may be division among our brethren. Let us labor, let us even strive to have our ideals or our qualities obtain; but failing to succeed, let us not run but stand and continue the effort at the bar of the inner court.

A VISIT TO OUR BRETHREN.

It was our pleasure to visit the Annual Session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, held in the city of Newbern, in September. Both the Church and Sunday School Conventions held Sessions, presided over, respectively, by Drs. Cartwright and Griffin. Others of our brethren visited the Conventions. All of us were most cordially welcomed, and every imaginable Christian courtesy extended. We were glad to be there. We were pleased with the progress, which the reports showed was being made.

We are glad to have here now, the Presidents of the two Conventions to which reference has just been made.

They have come with their associates for the purpose of reasoning and uniting into one great Convention of Baptists of North Carolina, and thereby achieve better results for the Master, than otherwise could be achieved.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

"It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to his skirts."

EDUCATION.

Since understanding is the first condition of control, and since: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," the imperative duty of every Baptist minister is plain. Both our pulpit and pew must be educated and trained for more efficient service. Let there go out from this Session of our Convention a united and determined resolve to arouse and bestir our people to put forth strenuous efforts to educate. Let us see to it, that every child of school age, in our several communities, attend school regularly. Let us follow the example of our neighbors, and insist upon the instituting of night schools, in every locality, and then urge the adults to attend them.

This done, it will be found necessary for our brethren in the ministry to go forward in getting knowledge and understanding. What better home work could our associations do to strengthen the cause than to center, annually, upon some worthy preacher of their bounds, and pay his expenses to attend the theological department at Shaw University? Maybe some of the associations could send more than one.

Dr. E. M. Brawley, Pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, is recognized as a great Bible scholar, and an untiring student and a profound teacher of theology. He will conduct a four-weeks' Bible school, in Durham, during the month of January, 1916. It was my pleasure to attend a part of the Session last winter. I was greatly benefitted by so doing. May I therefore commend this splendid opportunity for improvement to my brother ministers? I do not think

anyone will regret the expenditure of time or means in attendance upon the school.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

Let me suggest that there be held, at some suitable time, during the summer or autumn of 1917, at some desirable place in the State, a great meeting of negro Baptist brotherhood, for the purpose of celebrating, in a fitting manner, the close of the fiftieth year of the existence of this Convention; and for the further purpose of putting forth a united and determined effort to raise a handsome sum for the fostering of educational and missionary causes. Let the meeting continue in session for a period of ten days or two weeks. Let earnest, persistent and continued efforts by this convention, be put forth to reach and enlist the hearty co-operation of each missionary Baptist association in North Carolina, and through that organization, endeavor to get in touch with every Baptist preacher in the State. Then, let every church, and, if possible, every member of each church, be asked and urged to give a liberal contribution toward raising at the great Semi-Centennial a fund of $50,000 for educational and missionary purposes.

This amount, my brethren, may seem large at first sight. It is large. We are a large people. Just think; the sum can be raised simply by each member of our Church giving just twenty-five cents; or by one-half of our membership contributing for the purpose fifty cents during the intervening two years.

It may be asked, How can they be influenced or induced to give this large sum? The answer is, by preparing them for the task. You say, yes, brother, but our folks are poor. I reply by saying, oh, yes; that is true, they are poor; but do they know it? Do they know that they are too poor to pay $5,000 annually for chewing gum? Do they know that they are too poor to spend $10,000 a year for soft drinks? Do they know that they spend $20,000 a year in the moving picture shows? Do they know that they spend far too much each year in going in circuses and going on excursions? Have they been frequently, or occasionally, talked,

reasoned and pleaded with, and shown the enormous sums spent by our people needlessly in magistrate and police courts? Has the fact been made plain to our people that they spend more money in the different ways referred to in the foregoing, and in divers other ways, that neither educate for good nor evangelize, than the $50,000 to which allusion is herein made? Our people, our Baptist people, are a working people. They have been taught and trained to work. They earn money, but the majority of them have never been taught how to husband their hard earnings. Now what is necessary to render it possible for this Convention to get a portion of the money so periodically spent by our folks? To this, the answer is at hand; that is, the Convention must change the course through which the money goes from its possessors, so that it may enter the Convention's treasury. To do this, you say is a problem; let it be granted that it is a problem, but let it be remembered also, that problems are to be worked out or solved.

Now, to do this effectively, three essentials must be considered, taught and impressed. These are: First, knowledge; second, love; and third, organization. Our people must know more, if they are to do better work. They know absolutely too little of the tenets of the Church; too little of the early struggles of the pioneer brethren in the State to lay deep and wide the structure upon which this Convention has been reared. They know too little of what it costs in thought, in time, in tears and toil to erect the superstructure of our great Convention. They know too little about the glorious achievements wrought by this Convention in foreign mission fields. In form, the people of past achievements, make plain to them plans and purposes for carrying forward the work in the future. Impress these things, and an abiding love for the causes espoused will be inspired.

With knowledge, which is power, gained; and with love, which begets confidence, inspired, the work of organizing the negro Baptists of North Carolina will be an easy task to perform.

And finally, brethren, with organization perfected; with the forty associations all in line; with the fourteen hundred ministers marshalling Zionward, their 200,000 communicants, for God and His Christ, the raising of any amount of money needed with which to put forward the Master's work in the world will be forthcoming. For then our hearts will sing:

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

Corresponding Secretary's Annual Report.

We have reached another mile-stone in our progress as leaders and co-laborers in our great Baptist denominational work; and we pause here to review the labor and achievements embraced in this period, and to mark the hindrances and mistakes of the year, that we may better plan and lead in the year now opening. Having carried by your suffrage, the responsibilities belonging to the office of Corresponding Secretary for the year now closing, and having for some years past been honored to do this work, I feel indebted to you to give in this report a fair and honest representation of the work that has been done, and to give you also the benefit of my long and intimate experience with our mission work, in suggesting ways and means for its further advancement. I wish, in the meantime, I was able to convince you that my one and only aim and desire, with reference to our conventional work, is and has been, that it may succeed and greatly prosper without any regard whatsoever to my own personal interest and preferment. I am forced to inject this statement because of the unfraternal and misleading report circulated to the effect that I desire to manipulate the work of this Convention for personal gain. For thirty years, I have stood solid for this Convention, sometimes almost alone, certainly when there were but few in any part of the State found who dared, in the face of abuse and difficulties, to defend

its cause and claims; and to have it intimated now that I am treacherous to its interests cuts a wound in the soul that is painful indeed. I plead guilty of being jealous of the rights and prerogatives of this Convention, and become deeply grieved at any encroachment thereon. Our loose form of government makes compact organization among us somewhat difficult, and gives those who feel disposed to be stubborn, splendid opportunities to exercise their pugnacious characteristics. A great many men are gifted in destructive tactics who possess absolutely no constructive genius whatever. They know how to divide, but show absolute ignorance of the principles of addition and multiplication. I have spent days and months in studying our Baptist people in North Carolina, and their relation to this Convention, and feel that I can speak with authority on questions pertaining to our work. During this long period of thirty years of unstinted service, I have noted with deep interest every movement introduced to facilitate our Baptist work, and I know every worker and leader that has come to the front during this period. Our progress has been steady and substantial in the main, and especially when we consider what a vast army of followers that we have had to develop, and the difficulty of controling men who are subject to no physical central government. Baptists were never more prosperous and united than now. The spirit of unity, for which I have prayed and labored, seems about to be realized.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS' AND STATE MISSIONS.

We began the present year's work in a "thunder storm," the fury of which has not fully passed away. On this account, our State mission work has been seriously disturbed to the extent that our missionary secretary felt compelled to retire from the field when the year was but half out. We are attempting to carry out a triple co-operative compact, with one of the members claiming the right to annul the same without the consent of the other bodies. My candid opinion is that this Convention should be careful about going into any compact whatever without reserving to itself the controlling right therein. We are and should be

the highest functionary known among Baptists in North Carolina. This right should never be bartered away for financial or secular gains. The reason here given explains why we had no general missionary on the field for the latter half of the year. The collapse of our co-operation plan was due to its being hydra-headed.

In presenting this feature of our work, and noting how badly the arrangement worked, I have been driven to doubt seriously whether any similar plan is feasible. We have tried some of our best men on the field, whose ability to produce results under reasonable conditions, if results could be secured, is unquestioned; but it is yet to be proven that the work of these traveling agents have been as helpful as we had anticipated. Hardly has a single one been able to collect funds sufficient to keep his own salary paid up, and certainly not one has been able to organize our Baptist forces in the State. The visits of our missionaries, in the main, have been unwelcomed, and in many instances they have found it difficult to get appointments, and be heard. This being true, there is something defective, either about the system or the men selected to operate it. Until a change is wrought, no man, however strong, can bring the results required. We must secure the help and co-operation of our pastors, and a general missionary agent cannot gain them under existing conditions. In fact, in almost every single association in the State there exists a strong sentiment against any missionary sent to them by this or any other Convention. The situation, however, is by no means hopeless. There is a way to change this hostile sentiment and bring our forces into closer touch with our general work. It cannot be done by a general traveling State agent. Forty-eight years' of experience along the same line has clearly demonstrated this fact. The Convention must be wise and learn how to employ and utilize the strong local talent found in every section of the State. The local district missionary idea is the easiest and surest way to secure general co-operation among Baptists. A few years ago, I recommended this policy, which worked admirably well for a while, until we were forced to yield to the demand for a general mis-

sionary secretary. Whatever plan we adopt will fail until we include the idea of utilizing local missionary workers.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS AND SHAW UNIVERSITY.

The effort to erect the twelve-thousand-dollar theological building at Shaw University is about to result in failure. This is due to two things: (1) the prevalent opinion that the building is unnecessary since the discontinuance of the medical department, and (2) the apathy which resulted from the unfortunate insurrection among the students sometime ago. Prof. J. L. Levister, the Shaw agent on the field, has worked untiringly to raise the funds to keep the work going, but he has found it impossible to collect money sufficient to meet our part of the salary promised. But Shaw University is our great State Baptist school, and the very center of our Baptist life and hope. We must renew our allegiance to the institution, and resolve to rally to its support and maintenance as never before. To bring this vital subject squarely before this Convention, I have given Shaw a large place on our program, and invited Dr. C. L. White, Associate Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, to attend this meeting and confer with us respecting the future of our great school. As Shaw University has been the pride and glory of the colored Baptists of our State in the past, I trust that her future may be still more useful and illustrious. I want to see the time come when our donations to Shaw University will be ample to meet her current expenses or to supply an adequate endowment. We want no competitive institution in the State to Shaw University.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS AND THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

The interest which Baptists take in general education is remarkably shown in the number (25) of prosperous secondary schools that our associations support in many parts of the State. I have shown you on several occa-

sions that we pay out in these schools annually more than twenty thousand dollars in salaries and improvements. We are taxed too heavily, I fear, for these schools; four good Baptist academies in the State, properly supported, would accomplish more good than twenty-five schools poorly supported. Wherever convenient, we should encourage the State to establish graded and high schools for the race, rather than establish independent denominational institutions. We tried to federate our Baptist schools sometime ago with the hope of limiting their number, but we found ourselves disappointed in this adventure. We must not allow the missionary power of our churches to be destroyed by our over-working them for funds for secular educational institutions.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Few States in the union have shown deeper interest in foreign missions than North Carolina. The amount contributed during the year now closing is considerably less than was donated during the previous year. The great stimulant of that year was the fact that the Lott Carey Convention was appointed to convene in Raleigh. Our total donation for the year now closing does not reach fifteen hundred dollars. This amount is far too small for a great people to give for a cause so important. We wish to make special mention of the gifts from the Wake, the Rowan, and the West Roanoke associations; from these bodies and their local churches came the most of our money. The Woman's Union of the West Roanoke Association gave us $132.00. Some of our local churches also gave very generously.

North Carolina Baptists are deeply obligated to the foreign mission work and to the Lott Carey Convention. The veteran missionary, Rev. J. O. Hayes, of Brewerville, West Africa, went from this State years ago, and was a native of Duplin county; Rev. C. C. Boone, now laboring in Monrovia, is a North Carolinian; Mrs. Thomas, wife of brother Thomas, is one of our loveliest daughters. We should therefore not be slow in recognizing our obligations to foreign missions, and work

continually to provide for our loved ones abroad. Every pastor in the State should keep missions before his people, and should remit donations regularly for the support of these workers in Africa.

A new field also invites our occupancy, the island of Haiti, the black republic of the West Indies. At High Point a few years ago, we approved a proposition to enter the Haitian field and to give to those so near our shores the benefit of our protestant civilization and religious freedom. What great things we might do if all would help a little and all work together. Our chief missionary activities are directed to those regions under the political control of colored people, because they have been neglected by the white missionary organizations of the world. The black man needs salvation as badly as the white man does. Dr. Alexander, our foreign mission secretary, will bring this question more fully before you.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS AND EVANGELISM.

Notwithstanding our great progress in denominational development along many lines, I fear we are neglecting the most important and vital feature—real evangelism. Are we, as pastors, measuring up fully to the requirements of our high calling, and especially with reference to our teaching, preaching, and leading the people to Christ? Are we sin-hunting and soul-saving? Do we daily pray for wisdom to give to starving men "the sincere milk of the word?" Our ministers should be alarmed because of our lack of deep, earnest, spiritual piety and power. The burden of our great work is carried with light hearts; we laugh when we should weep; and we feast when we should fast. I would warn and alarm our ministry if I could before we fall under the hand of punitive judgment. Let us get at our Master's business; let us study to show "ourselves workmen approved of God." Dr. Brawley will bring this subject before you by special invitation.

THE EFFORT TO UNITE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS.

To the sincere gratification of all loyal Baptists, there seems to be prevalent the spirit to get together, and

consolidate our Baptists for aggressive mission work. No Baptist in the State is more delighted over this prospect than I; and when the question was sprung in our State Sunday School Convention in Washington, to clinch the sentiment and bring positive results, I prepared and had the following declaration signed and published:

To the Baptist People of North Carolina—Greetings:

We, the undersigned Baptist ministers and leaders, do hereby declare that we feel that the time has fully come when the Baptists of North Carolina should affiliate and work together as brethren in one great Baptist State Convention, and to bring about this happy result, we favor the calling of a great Baptist congress at some convenient time and place in the near future for the purpose of organizing a great Baptist State Convention; and we do pledge ourselves to work, labor, and pray to bring this movement to a successful maturity.

Signed in the interest of Baptist unity, this the sixth day of August, 1915:

E. E. Smith, A. M. Moore, C. M. Cartwright, G. D. Griffin, A. W. Pegues, C. S. Brown, C. F. Graves, W. H. Knuckles, N. F. Roberts, G. O. Bullock, P. S. Lewis, A. B. Vincent, O. S. Bullock, G. W. Watkins, M. A. Talley, S. T. Elridge, George W. Moore, S. P. Shields, J. Elmer Dellinger, S. N. Vass, F. R. Mason, B. W. Dance, J. H. Martin, D. J. Avery, James J. Scarlette, A. L. E. Weeks, R. W. Brown, J. T. Doles, J. F. Davis.

I stand ready to carry out in full the declaration contained in this contract; and I shall rejoice to be used in any way whatsoever, even as "dead lumber," to bridge over the chasm that has divided the colored Baptists in North Carolina. I want nothing myself; I claim nothing for myself; I want only our great denomination built up and the kingdom of Christ extended into all the world. To march in the ranks as a loyal layman, to do one's duty as a faithful private, is honor sufficient to satisfy any true-hearted Baptist; for, after all the real work must be done "in the trenches."

BAPTIST STATISTICS.

It seems next to impossible to get the secretaries of our various associations in the State to co-operate with your Corresponding Secretary in securing accurate Baptist statistics. This is too important a matter to consider lightly. It would add greatly to our standing in public estimation if we could have an agreement that once a year the secretary of each association should report to this office the statistics in full for general information. By persistent effort, I have been able to secure a copy of the minutes for 1914 from thirty associations. We find belonging to these associations 1,157 churches, 961 ordained ministers, and 156,100 members. I have not been able to get any facts from the remaining twenty-two associations.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

I beg to submit the following figures for your approval and information:

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts During the Year.

November 11, 1914.		Balance on hand, G. W. Moore, Treas.	$ 26.97
November 11, 1914.		Deposited by C. S. Brown, Cor. Sec.	629.71
November 11-12, 1914.		Deposited by Finance Committee	1,069.20
	Total		$1,725.88
1914:			
December	1	From M. A. Talley	$ 10.75
	31	First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem	15.00
	31	Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Rosehill	2.50
1915:			
January	5	Shiloh Church, Nash County	3.18
	20	Mt. Calvary Church, Goldsboro	3.60
February	11	Mt. Zion Church, Salisbury	5.00
March	4	M. A. Talley, Missionary Secretary	35.08
	12	White Rock Church, Durham	33.00
	20	Rev. J. J. Hines, Shannon	3.00
April	3	Rev. M. A. Talley	18.97
	12	Rev. O. J. Allen, Statesville	5.00
May	8	Rev. M. A. Talley	23.34
	10	First Baptist Church, Raleigh	50.00
	11	First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem	10.00
	13	Mrs. Sarah King, Paul	1.25
	20	Sandy Branch Church, Bertie	15.00
	26	Mt. Sinai Church, Hertford County	5 00

June	2	M. A. Talley	15 57
	2	Missionary Committee, First Baptist Church Goldsboro	5 00
	2	Middle District Union	13 65
	2	Zion Tabernacle Church, Gates Co.	2 00
	8	Springfield Church, Louisburg	5 00
	11	First Baptist Church, Statesville	5 04
	15	Newkirks Chapel	2 00
July	10	Rev. H. G. Tilley	4 00
	26	New Piney Grove Church, Gates County	1 95
	29	Sunday School Convention, Northampton	1 00
August	16	Cedar Grove Association	5 00
September	6	Shiloh Association, Original	12 00
	30	West Roanoke Association, for Miss Shaw	187 40
	30	West Roanoke Association, for Miss Shaw	52 39
	30	West Roanoke Association Orphanage	24 23
October	5	Rev. T. O. Bryant	1 00
	5	Jordan's Grove Church, Winton	1 00
	5	First Baptist Church, Conway	1 00
	22	J. C. Ellerbee	1 00
	29	Rev. W. A. Cobb	5 00
November	9	Mrs. Mary J. Smith, Kinston, N. C.	8.00
	16	Oberlin Baptist Church, West Raleigh	4.00
	16	Gallilee Baptist Church, Johnston County	2.00
	16	Buelah Union Meeting	2.00
	16	Bear Creek Association	5.00
	16	Harshaw Baptist Church	2.00
	16	Buelah Association, Union Meeting	2.00
	16	Bear Creek Association	5.00
	16	Y. M. & W. C. A., by Rev. J. F. Davis	2.00
	16	Zion Association, Rev. J. F. Davis	2.00
	16	Lane's Creek Association, Rev. J. F. Davis	2.10
	16	Zion Association	18.78
	16	From Friends, Rev. J. F. Davis	2.50
	16	Rev. D. J. Emerson	1 00
	16	B. Y. P. U., Mrs. F. A. Woodard, Rockingham	4.00
	16	Yadkin and Phila. S. S. Convention	2.00
	16	Yadkin and Ph la. Union Meeting	3.15
	16	First Baptist Church, Wilmington	2.50
	16	Lake Waccamaw Church	2.00
	16	Spring Hill Church	1.50
	16	Bowlding Baptist Church	2.00
		Total collected	$660.43

Disbursements.

1914:			
November	11	Paid to Wm. Alexander, Cor. Sec. (1913-14)	$385.00
	11	To M. A. Talley, salary	277.80
	11	To M. A. Talley, balance salary, postage and general expenses	66.67
	11	Expenses of Missionary Agents	174.90
	11	To C. S. Brown, on salary, 1914	200.00
	11	Dr. A. W. Pegues, representative fee	15.00
	11	D. W. Townsend, printing	5.00
	11	Dr. G. W. Moore, treasurer's expenses	10.00
	11	Dr. E. E. Smith, Secretary's service	35.00
	12	Rev. M. A. Talley, official chart	35.00

November	12	Rev. A. L. E. Weaks, service	15.00
	12	Dr. A. W. Pegues, President, expenses	31.00
	12	Dr. J. O. Whitted, traveling expenses	21.00
	13	Rev. D. J. Avery, for Finance Committee	11.00
	13	Rev. S. N. Vass, for A. B. Publishing Society	25.00
	13	Geo. F. King, reporter's service	20.00
	13	Rev. H. H. Hines, for sexton	5.00
	13	Rev. W. H. Moore, D. D., Auditor	5.00
	13	Prof. J. L. Levister, for show	67.00
	13	Dr. G. O. Bullock, for Orphan Home	10.00
	13	Dr. G. W. Moore, charity	6.00
	13	Dr. G. O. Bullock, for Orphan Home	7.15
	13	Souvenir for Dr. Pegues	5.00
	13	C. H. Williamson—"The Sentinel"	25.00
December	4	Rev. M. A. Talley, salary for November	27.78
	19	Rev. W. H. Moore, Secretary, printing minutes	100.00
1915:			
January	5	Prof. J. L. Levister, on salary	7.50
	26	W. M. Alexander, foreign missions	100.00
	26	M. A. Talley, on salary	18.00
	26	C. S. Brown, printing, stationery, traveling	11.65
March	4	J. L. Levister, on salary	25.00
	4	M. A. Talley, on salary	7.30
	4	M. A. Talley, on salary	27.78
	4	Printing and postage	6.25
	31	M. A. Talley, on salary	18.97
April	12	Envelopes and stamps	2.96
	31	M. A. Talley, on salary	23.34
May	22	J. L. Levister, on salary	10.00
June-August		Printing and postage	13.55
September	3	Representation fee, National Baptist Convention	15.00
	21	Postage and printing	3.25
October	5	W. M. Alexander, foreign missions	187.40
	7	Postage	1.49
September	30	J. L. Levister, Shaw University	52.29
	30	Mrs. L. J. Thomas, Orphan Home	24.23
October	15	Postage	3.94
	20	Printing programs	7.50
	22	Express and postage	4.03
	24	Office expenses and traveling charged Corresponding Secretary	46.74
November	16	Traveling expenses, etc.	12.00
	16	Rev. M. A. Talley, traveling expenses	5.00

Disbursements—Service Rendered.

1915:			
November	18	C. S. Brown, Corresponding Secretary, salary	$200.00
	18	C. S. Brown, Corresponding Secretary, printing and postage	54.60
	18	C. S. Brown, Corresponding Secretary, traveling expenses	56.74
	18	Rev. J. F. Davis, service as missionary	10.00
	18	Rev. W. H. Moore, service and expenses	20.00
	18	Rev. I. M. Flake, Porter, N. C.	1.15

FOREIGN MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NORTH CAROLINA DURING THE YEAR.

Lott Carey Convention.

First Baptist Churdh, Wakefield	$ 5.00
First Baptist Church, Zebulon	5.00
Holly Springs Baptist Church	2.00
Wake County Sunday School Convention	10.00
N. E. and Cape Fear Convention	5.00
Mount Peace Sunday School Convention	2.50
First Baptist Church, High Point	30.00
Ashland Baptist Church, Merry Hill	4.00
First Baptist Church, Powellsville	4.00
First Baptist Church, Rich Square	5.00
Bethany Baptist Church, Harrellsville	22.00
Harrellsville Chapel	5.00
Wake Baptist Association	200.00
First Baptist Church, Oxford	25.00
First Baptist Church, Raleigh	30.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte	10.00
White Rock, Durham	30.00
First Baptist Church, Clinton	5.00
New Bethel Church, Roseville	2.50
Wilson Chapel, Turkey	2.83
Central Baptist Church, Wilmington	5.00
West Roanoke Union	21.80
First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem	75.00
Rowan Baptist Association	25.00
Mt. Zion Church, Winston-Salem	50.00
Baptist State Sunday School Convention	38.00
Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson	10.00
Col. J. H. Young, Raleigh	10.00
First Baptist Church, Franklinton	10.00
Good Hope Church and Sunday School, Knightdale	17.49
	$666.12

Woman's Auxilliary—Lott Carey Convention.

Mrs. Lucy Thompson, Reidsville	$ 5.11
Mrs. L. L. Walker, Charlotte	1.00
F. M. C. First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem	30.00
Woman's North Carolina Tupper Memorial, Raleigh	5.00
Lincoln Grove, F. M. C. Turvis	5.00
Woman's Union, West Roanoke Association	132.00
First Baptist Church, High Point	18.00
Woman's Union, Phillippi Church	2.00
W. I. C. of Water's Institute	1.00
Woman's Baptist State Convention, during the year	412.89
Total	$612.00

COLLECTIONS OF STATE MISSIONARY, REV. M. A. TALLEY.

From December 1, 1914, to May 1, 1915.

Missionary Committee, First Baptist Church, Goldsboro	$ 5.00
Middle District Union, Rev. R. R. Robinson	13.65
Pearl St. Baptist Church, Sanford, Rev. A. T. Tuck, pastor	19.00
Shiloh Baptist Church, Morrisville, Rev. J. H. Dunston	5.00
Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham	10.00
First Baptist Church, Ahoskie, Rev. Wm. Ried, pastor	2.04
Providence Church, Greensboro, Rev. R. B. Watts	15.00
First Baptist Church, Elm City, Rev. Nick Arrington	2.37
First Baptist Church, Red Springs, Rev. P. W. King	4.27
Pine Grove Church, Creedmoor, Rev. Wm. Ellerbee	5.40
Beula Union, Woodland, Rev. M. N. Zollicoffer	4.00
Woman s Circle, Greensboro, Rev. R. B. Watts	1.00
Phillippi Church, Coefield, C. S. Brown. pastor	6.07
Fayetteville St. Baptist Sunday School, Raleigh, H. Davis, Superintendent	.51
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rocky Mt., Bro. R. Lawrence, deacon	8.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Sunday School	.60
First Baptist Church, Weldon, Rev. J. W. Faulk	1.25
Faison Institute, Faison, N. C., Prof. J. Z. Horton, principal	1.10
First Baptist Church, Weldon, Rev. J. W. Faulk	26.27
First Baptist Church, Rich Square, Rev. J. L. S. Hollomon	10.15
Pleasant Plains, Ahoskie, Rev. C. S. Morris	20.00
St. Luke, Hasty, Rev. R. H. Harris	30.30
Shiloh Baptist Church, Maxton, Rev. T. J. Hicks	16.50
Spring Garden Sunday School, Washington, W. G. Sanders, Superintendent	5.00
Rev. D. Robinson	1.00
Swift Creek Sunday School, Nash County, Wm. Arrington, Superintendent	1.25
Jerusalem Baptist Church, Whitakers, Rev. Wm. Wiggins	5.10
From Swift Creek Baptist Church, Rev. J. C. Melton	25.75
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury, Rev. F. R. Mason	11.25
Dixonville Baptist Church, Salisbury, Rev. A. S. Croom	12.00
East Market St. Baptist Church, Greensboro, Rev. C. H. E. Washington	18.50
First Baptist Church, Rocky Mt., Rev. M. A. Talley	12.50
Macedonia Baptist Church, Porter, Rev. I. M. Flake	19.05
Total collected	$318.88

EXPENSES.

914:			
November	1	Fare from Raleigh, N. C., to Auburn, N. C., and return	$ .50
	8	Fare from Raleigh, N. C., to Good Samaritan Baptist Church and return	.50
	15	Fare to Louisburg, N. C., and return from Raleigh	1.90
	22	Fare from Raleigh, N. C., to Middlesex, N. C., and return	1.70
	29	Fare from Raleigh, N. C., to Rolesville, N. C.	.70
December	6	Fare from Raleigh, N. C., to McCullers, N. C., and return	.50
	13	Fare from Raleigh to Banks, N. C.	.30
	13	Fare from McCullers to Raleigh	.25
	20	Express to Wake Chapel and return	1.00
	27	Expense to Method and return	.11
January	3	Expenses to Bethlehem Baptist Church and return	1.00
	10	Fare to Eagle Rock and return from Raleigh	.90
February	7	Fare from Raleigh to Clayton, N. C., and return	.70
	14	Expenses from Raleigh to Watts Chapel and return	.50
	21	Expenses from Raleigh to Baptist Grove and return	.50
	28	Fare to Knightdale and return from Raleigh	.50
March	7	Fare from Raleigh, to Wake Forest and return	.90
	14	Fare to Clayton, N. C., from Raleigh and return	.70
	21	Fare from Raleigh to Zebulon, N. C., and return	1.20
	28	Fare from Raleigh to Clayton and return	.70
April	11	Fare from Raleigh to Neuse and return	.50
	18	Expense to St. Amanda Baptist Church and return	1.00
	25	Expenses to Wake Baptist Grove and return	.50
May	1	Fare from Raleigh to Louisburg and return	1.95
	16	Expenses from Raleigh to St. Matthew Baptist Church	.50
	23	Expense from Raleigh to Method and return	.10
	30	Fare to Clayton and return from Raleigh	.70
June	6	Fare to Youngville and return from Raleigh	1.10
	12	Fare to Franklinton, N. C., from Raleigh	.70
	14	Fare to Raleigh from Franklinton	.70
	20	Fare to Middlesex and return	1.60
	23	Fare to Reidsville, N. C., from Raleigh	2.65
		Contributed in collections of the Convention	.55
		Stamps, postal cards, etc.	.23
	27	Return fare to Raleigh	2.65
1915:			
July	3	Fare from Raleigh to Far River, N. C.	1.25
	5	Fare from Hester, N. C., to Durham	.50
	5	Fare from Durham to Raleigh	.65
	10	Fare from Raleigh to Rockingham, N. C.	2.55
	11	Fare from Rockingham to Laurinburg, N. C.	.55
	11	Fare from Laurinburg to Rockingham	.55

July	11	Miscellaneous expenses	.10
	14	Fare from Rockingham to Charlotte, N. C.	1.75
	15	Fare from Charlotte to Salisbury, N. C.	1.10
	17	Fare from Salisbury to Raleigh	3.30
	17	Miscellaneous	.90
	17	Fare from Raleigh to Neuse, N. C.	.25
	22	Fare from Raleigh to Oxford, N. C.	1.45
	22	Fare from Providence, N. C., to Raleigh	1.35
	23	Fare from Raleigh to Smithfield, N. C., and return	1.60
	23	Miscellaneous	.20
	28	Fare from Raleigh to Trinity, N. C.	2.55
		Miscellaneous	.65
	30	Fare from Thomasville, N. C., to Greensboro, N. C.	.55
August	2	Fare from Greensboro to Raleigh	2.05
	3-6	Round-trip fare to Washington, N. C., to Raleigh	4.85
	8	Automobile hire from Laurinburg to Spring Branch Baptist Church, Rev. G. W. Moore, D. D., pastor	1.25
	18	Fare from Laurinburg to Charlotte	2.30
		Miscellaneous	.51
	18	Telegram from Charlotte to Statesville, to Dr. G. O. Bullock	.25
	18	Fare from Charlotte to Statesville	1.10
	19	Eight 2-cent stamped envelopes	.17
	19	Fare from Charlotte to Laurinburg	2.30
	21	Fare from Laurinburg to Bennettsville, S. C.	.30
	24	Fare from Bennettsville, S. C., to Maxton, N. C.	.55
	27	Fare from Maxton to Fayetteville, N. C.	.90
	28	Fare from Fayetteville to St. Paul, N. C.	.50
	28	Fare from St. Paul to Tar Heel, N. C.	.35
	29	Fare from Fayetteville to Raleigh	1.60
		Miscellaneous	.61
September	3	Fare from Raleigh to Clinton, N. C.	2.25
	6	Fare from Clinton, N. C., to Goldsboro	1.05
	7	Fare from Goldsboro to Raleigh	1.20
	13	Fare from Raleigh over railway and highway to Essex, N. C.	2.50
	25	Fare from Raleigh to Durham	.65
		Miscellaneous	1.11
	26	Fare from Durham to Raleigh	.65
	28	Fare from Raleigh to Lewiston, N. C.	2.85
	28	Conveyance from Lewiston to Mount Olive Baptist Church	.25
	29	Fare from Kelford, N. C., to Rocky Mount, N. C.	1.05
	30	Fare from Rocky Mount to Greenville, N. C.	1.20
		Miscellaneous	1.00
	30	Fare over railway and highway from Greenville to Phillippi, Baptist Church	.25
October	1	Fare over highway and railway from Phillippi to Raleigh	2.45
	3	Fare from Raleigh to Ridgeway, N. C.	1.40
	3	Fare from Norlina, N. C., to Raleigh	1.50

October	5	Fare over railway and highway from Raleigh to Antioch Baptist Church, near Jackson, N. C.	2.15
	7	Fare from Jackson to Townsville, N. C.	2.00
	8	Fare over highway from Townsville to Williamsboro, N. C.	.75
	9	Fare over highway from Williamsboro to Henderson, N. C.	.50
	15	Fare to Rocky Point, N. C., from Raleigh	2.95
	16	Fare to Raleigh from Rocky Point	2.95
	21	Fare from Raleigh to Fayetteville	1.60
	21	Fare from Fayetteville to Laurel Hill Baptist Church and return to Fayetteville	.95
	23	Fare from Fayetteville to Raleigh	1.60
		Total	$107.69

J. L. LEVISTER,
Financial Agent.

Supplementary Report.

The following stated amounts were received during the Conventional year:

Dr. E. E. Smith (a loan), on salary during the winter	$ 25.00
Dr. A. W. Pegues (a loan), on salary during the winter	10.00
Dr. G. O. Bullock, through Dr. C. S. Brown, Corresponding Secretary	17.50
Dr. C. S. Brown, Corresponding Secretary, from First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., for the Convention	25.00
Dr. A. M. Moore, for White Rock Baptist Church, Rev. E. M. Brawley, pastor	10.00
Total received, including loans	87.50

REPORT OF J. L. LEVISTER, FINANCIAL AGENT FOR THE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL FUND, TO DR. C. S. BROWN, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Receipts.

November	1	Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Wendell, N. C., Rev. A. T. Price, pastor, Raleigh, N. C.	$ 2.74
	1	Springfield Baptist Church, Auburn, N. C., Rev. J. W. Ligon, pastor, Raleigh, N. C.	1.55
	8	Good Samaritan Baptist Church, Auburn, N. C., Rev. R. B. Jones, pastor, Raleigh, N. C.	2.80
	15	Mr. J. C. McKnight	1.00
	22	Stokes' Chapel, Middlesex, N. C., Rev. Clarence Dunn, pastor, Wake Forest, N. C.	5.00
	29	Wake Missionary Union, in session at Rolesville Baptist Church, Rolesville, N. C.	10.00

November	29	Mr. Cole Perry	.50
	29	Mr. Guyon Perry	.50
	29	Mr. James Jones	.50
	29	Mr. James Perry	.50
December	6	Juniper Level Baptist Church, McCullers, N. C., Rev. A. T. Price, pastor, Raleigh, N. C.	5.15
	20	Wake Chapel Baptist Church, Mill Brook, N. C., Rev. J. W. Jones, pastor, Wilson's Mills, N. C.	1.23
	27	Method Baptist Church, Method, N. C., Rev. J. W. Jones, pastor, Wilson's Mills, N. C.	1.15
1915:			
January	3	Bethlehem Baptist Church, R. F. D., Raleigh, N. C., Rev. C. C. Clark, pastor, Raleigh, N. C.	1.05
	6	Deacon R. S. Morgan	1.00
	10	Riley Hill Baptist Church, Eagle Rock, N. C., Rev. H. Pair, pastor, Knightdale, N. C.	2.23
	17	Baptist Grove Church, R. F. D., Raleigh, N. C., Rev. R. B. Jones, pastor, Raleigh, N. C.	1.50
1914:			
February	7	Johnston Piney Grove Baptist Church, near Clayton, N. C., Rev. Clarence Dunn, pastor, Raleigh, N. C.	4.06
	14	Watts Chapel, near Raleigh, N. C., Rev. Jno. Jones, pastor, Wilson's Mills, N. C.	1.42
	21	Wake Baptist Grove, near Raleigh, N. C., Rev. R. B. Jones, pastor, Raleigh, N. C.	1.80
	28	Malabar Baptist Church, Knightdale, N. C., Rev. H. Pair, pastor, Knightdale, N. C.	4.19
March	7	Forestville Baptist Church, Forestville, N. C., Rev. Jno. Jones, pastor, Wilson's Mills, N. C.	2.01
April	11	Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Neuse, N. C., Rev. C. C. Clark, pastor, Raleigh, N. C.	2.5
March	14	New Bethel Baptist Church, near Clayton, N. C., pastor, Rev. W. H. Mitchener, Smithfield, N. C.	2.50
	21	Wakefield Baptist Church, Wakefield, N. C., pastor, Rev. G. Moore, D. D., Raleigh, N. C.	5.47
	28	Oakey Grove Baptist Church, near Clayton, N. C., pastor, Rev. R. B. Jones, Raleigh, N. C.	1.22
April	7	Deacon R. S. Morgan, R. F. D., Raleigh, N. C.	1.00
	11	Mr. C. M. Dunn, Neuse, N. C.	.05
	11	Miss Person, Raeligh, N. C.	.25
	15	Mr. T. C. Lee, Raleigh, N. C.	.25
	18	St. Amanda Baptist Church, near Clayton, N. C., pastor, Rev. A. T. Price, Raleigh, N. C.	1.45
	25	Wake Baptist Grove Church, near Raleigh, N. C., pastor, Rev. R. B. Jones, Raleigh, N. C.	3.18
May	1	Mr. Patterson Thomas, Louisburg, N. C.	1.00
	2	Mr. J. L. G. Cooke, Louisburg, N. C.	1.00
	2	Second Baptist Church, Louisburg, N. C., Rev. J. H. Halbert, pastor, Raleigh, N. C.	6.27

May	2	Mr. Richard Perry, Louisburg, N. C.	1.00
	16	St. Matthew Baptist Church, near Raleigh, N. C., Rev. H. Pair, pastor, Knightdale, N. C.	1.90
	16	Mr. Morton Roberson, R. F. D., Raleigh, N. C.	.10
	16	Mr. Norman Seawell, R. F. D., Raleigh, N. C.	.05
	16	Mr. J. D. Davis, R. F. D., Raleigh, N. C.	.05
	16	Mr. John Malone, R. F. D., Raleigh, N. C.	.08
	23	Oake City Baptist Church, Method, N. C., Rev. Johnny Jones, pastor, Wilson's Mills, N. C.	1.50
	30	Ministers and Deacons' Union, Johnston County, New Bethel Baptist Church, Rev. Sanders, President	1.00
		First Baptist Church, Clayton, N. C., Rev. J. W. Turner, pastor, Durham, N. C.	1.06
June	6	Liberty Baptist Church, Rev. C. F. Pope, pastor, Burgaw, N. C.	6.26
	13	First Baptist Church, Franklinton, N. C., Rev. A. W. Pegues, D. D., pastor, Raleigh, N. C.	12.78
	20	White Oak Hill Baptist Church, Rev. McCoy, pastor, Dunn, N. C.	2.07
	24	Mr. Royal Puryear, Winston-Salem, N. C.	1.00
	24	Mr. J. H. Eaton, Ph. G., Reidsville, N. C.	2.50
	24	Dr. W. M. Scott, Reidsville, N. C.	2.00
	24	Mr. W. H. Perry, Reidsville, N. C.	1.00
	24	Mr. Townes, Reidsville, N. C.	1.00
	24	Western North Carolina Sunday School Convention, Reidsville, N. C., President, Prof. R. W. Brown, Winston-Salem, N. C.	15.00
	27	Mr. W. L. McNair, Ph. G., Greensboro, N. C.	2.00
	27	Mr. F. W. McNair, Ph. G., Greensboro, N. C.	1.00
	28	Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C., Rev. J. T. Hairston, pastor, B. Th., Greensboro, N. C.	6.00
	28	Second Baptist Church, West Durham, N. C., Rev. M. V. Canady, pastor, Durham, N. C.	.80
July	4	Synima Grove Baptist Church, Tar River, N. C., Rev. M. V. Canady, pastor, Durham, N. C.	3.64
	6	Mrs. Bessie Young, Franklinton, N. C.	1.00
	11	St. Luke Baptist Church, Hasty, N. C., Rev. R. H. Harris, D. D., pastor, Greensboro, N. C.	3.10
	11	Miss Dora Portervine, Southern Pines, N. C.	.35
	14	Bible Institute, by Rev. S. N. Vass, Rockingham Baptist Church, Rev. J. S. Brown, pastor, Rockingham, N. C.	3.00
	14	Rev. S. N. Vass, D. D., Raleigh, N. C.	2.2
	17	Woman's Auxilliary to the Rowan Baptist Association, Salisbury, N. C., Mrs. F. R. Mason, President	10.15
	18	Mr. Holden	.25
	22	East Cedar Grove Association, Providence, N. C., Rev. J. M. Taylor, Moderator, Creedmoor, N. C.	5.00
July	22	From friends, Providence, N. C.	1.70

July	22	Mrs. Odell Jones, Smithfield, N. C.	.25
	25	Wake County Sunday School Convention, Baptist Grove Church, Mr. W. H. Ray, President	10.10
	25	From friends	1.44
	29	High Point Educational and Missionary Baptist Association, Trinity, N. C., Rev. J. D. Boykins, Moderator, Thomasville, N. C.	10.00
August	1	New Zion Baptist Church, Rev. Wortham, pastor, Greensboro, N. C.	2.31
	6	Baptist State Sunday School Convention, Washington, N. C., Dr. A. M. Moore, President, Durham, N. C.	15.00
	6	Baptist State B. Y. P. U. Convention, Washington, N. C., Rev. W. H. Knuckles, D. D., President, Lumberton, N. C.	5.00
	8	Friends, near Laurinburg, N. C.	1.45
	15	Bright Hope Well Baptist Church, Rev. C. S. Crumpler, pastor, Laurinburg, N. C.	1.50
	15	Woman's Baptist Association, Laurinburg, N. C., Mrs. McFall, President	1.00
	18	Rowan Baptist Association, Statesville, N. C., Rev. G. O. Bullock, Moderator, Winston-Salem, N. C.	23.55
	22	Madedonia Baptist Church, Bennettsville, S. C., Rev. P. B. Mdodana, pastor, Bennettsville, S. C.	2.81
	22	Mrs. L. E. Douglas, Laurinburg, N C.	.25
	27	Pee Dee Union, Maxton, N. C., Rev. H. I. Quick, President, Rockingham, N. C.	6.50
	29	Union Association Ministers' and Deacons' Union, Tar Heel, N. C., Rev. P. W. King, President, Fayetteville, N. C.	10.00
	29	First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N. C., Rev. J. J. Scarlette, pastor	2.35
September	5	Mr. T. J. L. Boykin	.50
	5	Miss Maggie Boykin	.25
	5	Western Union Sunday School Convention, near Clinton, N. C., Rev. W. H. Moore, D. D., President, Wilmington, N. C.	6.00
	5	Riley Hill Baptist Church, Eagle Rock, N. C., Rev. H. Pair, pastor, Knightdale, N. C.	1.94
	15	Mr. P. A. Richardson, Nashville, N. C.	1.00
	16	Rev. T. M. Nixon, Essex, N. C.	1.00
	16	Rev. J. D. Battle, Nashville, N. C.	.50
	16	Reedy Creek Baptist Association, Essex, N. C., Moderator, Rev. N. V. Davis, Weldon, N. C.	3.00
	17	Mr. W. C. Jenkins	.10
	26	Union Baptist Church, Durham, N. C., Rev. J. A. Lewis, pastor, Durham, N. C.	3.06
	29	West Roanoke Baptist Association, Lewiston, N. C., Rev. C. S. Brown, Moderator, Rev. C. S. Brown, D. D., Winton, N. C.	52.25
	29	Mr. J. B. Cooks, Rocky Mount, N. C.	.50

October	1	Old Eastern Baptist Association, Si,mpson N. C., Rev. J. T. Clark, D. D., Moderator, Washington, D. C.	5.00
	1	Rev. C. C. Staton, New Bern, N. C.	.50
	3	Warren County Sunday School Convention, Ridgeway, N. C., J. B. Somerville, President, Macon, N. C.	5.00
	6	Beulah Baptist Association, near Jackson, N. C., Rev. K. S. Jacobs, Moderator, Rich Square, N. C.	20.01
	15	Rev. O. B. Mdodana, Wilmington, N. C.	1.00
	15	Rev. W. H. Moore, D. D., Wilmington, N. C.	1.00
	15	Rev. J. M. Newkirk, Rose Hill, N. C.	1.00
	15	Rev. J. N. McNight, Wilmington, N. C.	.25
	15	Rev. J. T. Deans	.25
	15	Miss Nettie Green	.25
	16	Mr. W. H. Spears	.15
	15	Kenansville and Eastern Baptist Association, Rev. G. W. Moore, D. D., Moderator	5.00
	21	Union Baptist Association, Lumber Bridge, N. C., Rev. E. E. Smith, D. D., Moderator, Fayetteville, N. C.	10.00
	31	Wake Baptist Missionary Union, Forestville, N. C., R. S. Morgan, President, R. F. D., Raleigh, N. C.	10.00
November	4	Zion Baptist Association, Rev. J. H. Ratliff, Moderator, Lilesville, N. C., and Prof. G. W. Baucum, Corresponding Secretary, Wadesboro, N. C.	11.50
		Total	$402.95
		Total expenses	107.69
		Balance	295.26
		Net turned over to Shaw University	111.09
		Received during the year on the field	$184.17

The supplementary is not included, part being borrowed.

J. L. LEVISTER,
Financial Agent.

REPORT OF TREASURER GEORGE W. MOORE.

Receipts—1914-1915.

November	12	Brought forward from last year	$ 26.97
	12	Received from C. S. Brown, Corresponding Secretary	624.15
	12	West Roanoke Association Foreign Missions	229.00
	12	Cash from C. S. Brown	66.67
	12	Cash from Finance Committee	538.98
	13	Cash from Finance Committee	134.45
	13	Cash from Finance Committee	45.00
	13	Cash from Finance Committee	19.40
	13	Cash from Finance Committee	3.00
	13	Cash from Finance Committee	25.87
	13	Cash from Finance Committee	.71
	13	Received from W. H. Knuckles	5.25
		Total	$1,725.88

Expenditures—1914-1915.

November	12	To Dr. Alexander, per C. S. Brown, Corresponding Secretary	385.00
	12	To C. S. Brown, office expenses, etc.	174.90
	12	To M. A. Talley, salary	277.80
	12	To M. A. Talley, traveling expenses	66.67
	12	To A. W. Pegues, expenses	31.90
	12	To A. L. E. Weeks, expenses	15.00
	12	To J. A. Whitted, expenses	21.00
	12	To A. W. Pegues, fees	15.00
	12	To D. W. Townsend, printing programs	5.00
	12	To C. S. Brown, salary	200.00
	12	To Treasurer, expenses	10.00
	12	To E. E. Smith, services and expenses	35.00
	12	To M. A. Talley, salary	35.00
	13	To D. J. Avery, Chairman committee	11.00
	13	To S. N. Vass, Am. B. P. Society	25.00
	13	To Geo. F. King, reporter	20.00
	13	To J. J. Hines, for sexton	5.00
	13	To W. H. Moore, auditor	5.00
	13	To J. L. Levister, for Shaw University	67.10
	13	To G. O. Bullock, for Winston Orphanage	10.00
	13	To D. J. Emerson and J. C. Love, sickness, $3.00 each	6.00
	13	To G. O. Bullock	7.15
	13	To C. H. Williamson, "Baptist Sentinel"	25.00
December	4	To M. A. Talley, full salary for November	17.03
	24	To W. H. Moore, for printing and distributing minutes of Convention	100.00
January	26	To C. S. Brown	100.00
	26	To M. A. Talley	18.00
March	3	To J. L. Levister	25.00
September	2	To S. N. Vass, to represent into the National Baptist Convention	15.00
	2	Delegates traveling expenses to the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention	54.80
		Total	$1,788.35

CONSTITUTION

Dear Brethren: We, the Baptist Ministers of North Carolina, who are the leaders of the people and ambassadors of Christ, desiring to do all the good we can and to as many people as possible for us to reach; also in keeping with the spirit of Christ as seen in his intercessory prayer, namely: "That His people might be one," have organized a Baptist State Ministerial Conference.

This Conference is an outgrowth of a recommendation made by the President Dr. Pegues, in his annual address to the Convention.

The Conference will meet on Tuesday, and the Convention will convene the same night. It is the purpose of this Conference to be of mutual help to each other as ministers. The annual fee is 50 cents. Each minister will receive a card showing his standing as a minister in the State, and said card will be renewed annually.

At the death of a minister of this Conference, each brother will be assessed 25 cents, which sum will be sent to the family of said minister within sixty days after death. This assessment will be collected by the Corresponding Secretary, who shall receive all moneys, giving receipt for same, and forward moneys to the Treasurer. He shall make an annual report to the Conference each year.

Any minister may send his annual fee any time during the year to the Corresponding Secretary, who shall renew his card, and forward the money to the Treasurer, and send a receipt to member contributing.

It is also the purpose of this organization to aid as far as possible any aged or afflcted minister who may call or appeal to us from time to time.

1. This body shall be known as "The Ministers' Conference of North Carolina.

2.—Object. The object of this Conference shall be to bring the ministers of the State in closer relation with each other and thus aid in unifying the forces of the Baptist Denomination, and be of mutual help to each other.

3.—Membership. Any minister in good and regular standing in a recognized Missionary Baptist Church may become a member of this Conference.

4.—Officers. The officers of this Conference shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, oCrresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Board of seven members, who shall be elected annually and perform the duties usually belonging to such offices.

5.—Time of Meeting. The annual sessions of this Conference shall be held on Tuesday preceding the annual meeting of the Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina and at the same place.

W. A. Cobb, N. F. Roberts,
W. S. Creecy, J. Z. Horton,
S. H. Witherspoon, C. S. Brown,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ASSOCIATIONS	MODERATORS	POST OFFICE	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	Representation Fee	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Winston Orphanage	Oxford Orphanage	Superannuated Ministers	TOTAL
Union	Dr. E. E. Smith	Fayetteville	C. A. Cogdell	Fayetteville	20.00	15.00	10.00					45.00
Middle	Rev. S. L. Parham	Henderson	R. A. Wyche	Dabny	11.00							11.00
Brunswick												
Waccamaw	Dr. J. H. Rhoe	Wilmington	Rev. D. C Gore	Supply	8.00							8.00
Neuse River	Rev. D. N. Martin	Weldon	W. C. Coats	Seaboard	15.00							15.00
East Cedar	Rev. J. M. Taylor		T. H. Jefferson	Stems	10.00							10.00
Mt. Peace	Rev. R. D. Harris	Charlotte	H. H. Wilson	Stanley	8.00		2.00					10.00
Ebenezer	Rev. W. A. Roberts	Shelby	D. P. Oats	Shelby		2.00						2.00
Pee Dee	Rev. J. J. Hines	Shannon	Rev. J. S. Brown	Rockingham	15.00							15.00
Middle District	H. Peterson	Kelly	W. H. Moore	Wilmington	15.00							15.00
Rowan	G. O. Bullock	Winston-Salem	J. W. Haskin	Salisbury	30.00							30.00
New Hope	J. H. Dunston	Durham	Dr. L. H. Hackney	Chapel Hill	20.00							20.00
Wake	Rev. J. W. Ligon	Raleigh	Dr. N. F. Roberts	Raleigh	23.00							23.00
Trent River	Rev. I. N. Elliott	Newbern	L. M. Williams	Tienton	10.00							10.00
Oaky Grove												
West Roanoke	Dr. C. S. Brown	Winton	Rev. L. T. Bond	Winsor	29.50		187.60					217.10
Lanes' Creek												
Union	Rev. W. S. Waddell	Wingate			6.50							6.50
Woman's Auxiliary												
Lane's Creek Union	Mrs. Ella Jones, Pres.	Charlotte					2.00					2.00
Beulah	Rev. K. S. Jacobs	Rich Square			8.50	1.45	4.10					14.05
Kenansville, Eastern	Rev. J. T. Deans	Warsaw	Hon. A. R. Middleton	Kenansville	20.00							20.00

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Continued.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	CLEGKS	POST OFFICE	Representation Fee	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Winston Orphanage	Oxford Orphanage	Superannuated Ministers	TOTAL
1st. Bap. High Point	Rev. O. S. Bullock	High Point	C. B. Hairston	High Point		5.00						5.00
Shiloh	Dr. W. H. Moore	Wilmington	H. M. Ghant	Wilmington	10 00	10 00	5.00					25.00
Mt. Calvery	W. D. Smith	Roguemont	M. V. Roberts	Rougemont	2 00							2.00
Franklinton	A. W. Pegues				2 00							2.00
1st. Bap. Winston-Salem	G. O. Bullocks, D.D.	Winston-Salem	P. S. Smith		2.00	6.00			2.00			10.00
Greenville Bap.Church	W. H. Knuckle	Lumberton	A. W. Powell	Lumberton RFD3	2.00							2.00
Gethsemane	Rev. H. Pair	Knightdale	W. Crudup	Louisburg	1.00	3.00	3.00		.50	.50		8.00
Riley Hill	"	"		Knightdale	1.00	3.00	3.00		.50	.50		8.00
St. Matthew	"	"	Moses Hunter	Raleigh R. F. D.	1.00	4.00	3.00		.50	.50		9.00
Malaby's Cross Roads			Henry Brown	Raleigh, R. F. D.	1.00	3.00	3.00		.50	.50		8.00
Royal Chapel	Rev. H. Peterson	Kelly	G. A. Fennell	Ivanhoe		1.55						1.30
Lake Chapel	"	"	W. E. Herring	Atkison, R. F. D.		1.30						1.30
Friendship	Rev. G. W. Watkins	Charlotte	W. J. H. Lewis	Charlotte	2.00							2.00
Mt. Pilgrim	Rev. Wm. Wiggins	Spring Hill	W. M. Shaw	Hobgood	2.00							2.00
Mt. Pilgrim S. S.	Supt. E. L. Fields	Hobgood			1.00							1.00
1st. African Bap.	Rev. J B. Howell	Goldsboro	W. M. Hamilton	Goldsboro	2.00		5.00	1.00				8.00
Pine Grove	Gev. J. F. Davis	Wingate	J. H. Huntly	Monroe R.F.D.3		1.20	1.20					2.40
1st. Bap. Ramon	Rev. J. E. Sykes	Maxton	L. McCoy	Ramon	1.00							1.00
Oberlin Bapt.	Dr S. H. Witherspoon	West Raleigh		West Raleigh	1.00							1.00
Galilee	"	"		Smith	1.00							1.00
China Grove	Rev. N. B. Dunham	White Oak, RFD 7	W. M. Melvin	CedarCreekRFD1	1.00							1.00
Sunday School												
Oak Hill Church	Dr. R. H. Harris	Greensboro	Rev. B. A. Andrews				2.07					2.07
Long	Rev. J. M. Taylor	Creedmore	Graham Peace	Kittrell R.F.D. 2	1.00							1.00
Mitchell Chapel	"	"	James Jones	Elberon	1.00							1.00
Roxboro	Rev. S. L. Parham	Henderson	S. J. Bournett	Roxboro	1.00		5.00					6.00
Michael's Creek	"	"	B. G. Taylor	Stovall	1.00		2.50					3.50
Stovall Chapel	"	"	B. L. Crews	"	1.00							1.00
Fipp's Chapel	Rev. J. H. Williams	Manson	Geo. Bassett	Manson	2.00							2.00
Mount Moriah	Rev. J. S. Davis	Shocco	Sam. Nicholson	Louisburg	2.00							2.00
Mt. Vernon	Rev. G. W. Buckram	High Point	W. A. Haywood	High Point	2.00							2.00
2nd St. Matthew												
Rennert	Rev. J. M. Smith	Rennert			1.00							1.00
Ebenezer, Charlotte	Dr. StEldridge	Charlotte			2.00	3.00						5.00

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1st Bap Statesville	Rev. O. K. Allen	Statesville			2.00	3.00						5.00
1st Bap. Reidsville	Rev. J. C. Melton	Reidsville	B. C. Clark	Reidsville	1.00	1.00	1.00					3.00
1st Bap. Laurinburg	Rev C. S. Crumpler	Laurinburg	Prof. E. M. McDuffie	Laurinburg	2.00							2.00
St. Paul, Fayetteville	"	"	John Powell	Fayetteville	1.00							1.00
Roanoke Salem	Rev. J. W. Blackwe'l	Garysburg	W. G. Garris	Garysburg	2.00	3.30	3.00					8.30
Patillo Chapel	"	"	Adam Harrison	Elams	1.50							1.50
Ebenezer, Wilmington	Rev. J. N. McKnight	Wilmington	R. T. Nixon	Wilmington	1.00		1.00					2.00
Ebenezer, LaGrange	Rev. W. H. Bryant	Kinston	John Harper	LaGrange	1.00							1.00
Shiloh	Rev. N. A. Cheek	Elberon	M. H. Richardson	Inez Route 1	2.00	2.00	1.00					5.00
Dickies	"	"	I. F. Foster	Henderson Rte. 1	1.00							1.00
Kearney's Chapel	"	"					6.00					6.00
Pleasant Grove	Rev. M. S. Stancil	Powlton	Jas. Haywood	Mt. Gilead	1.00							6.00
Chapel Grove	"	"	Sandy Robinson	Ellerby	1.00							1.00
Sidney Grove	"	"	M. Wall	"	1.00							1.00
Holly Grove	"	"	J. F. Williams	Westend	1.00							1.00
Mt. Zion	Rev. R. L. File	Winston-Salem	A. L. Monroe	Winston-Salem		5.00	15.00					20.00
West End	Rev. H. M. Ellis	Lexington	S. H. Lawson	Winston-Salem								12.00
Belford	Rev. G. T. Cagler	Eagle Springs	C. R. Young	Jackson	1.00							1.00
Parson Grove	"	"	Isabella Bowden	Axway	1.00							1.00
Cedar Grove	"	"	Eli Williams	West End	1.00							1.00
Mt. Olive	"	"	L Hines	Ellerbee	1.00							1.00
Bethel, Roseville	Rev. D. S. Soulter	High Point	L. Jeffries	Roseville	2.15							2.15
Clayton	Dr. W. T. Coleman	Raleigh	M. L. Watson	Clayton			5.00					5.00
Youngsville	"	"	S. S. Deduam	Youngsville	1.00							1.00
Savannah	Rev. J. P. Pearsall	Clinton	A. R. Fisher	Grays Creek	1.00							1.00
Savannah Home Mission Society							5.00					5.00
1st Bap. Raleigh	Rev. C. E. Askew	Raleigh	Col. J. H. Young	Raleigh	2.00		2.00					4.00
Smithfield	Rev. A. A. Morrisy	Smithfield	G. H. Smith	Smithfield	1.00		1.50					2.50
Juniper Level	Rev. A. T. Price	Raleigh	Wm. Walters	Garner	1.00							1.00
Pleasant Grove	"	"	F. M. Morgan	Wendell	1.00							1.00
St. Amanda	"	"	Jno. Barber	McCullers	1.00							1.00
Jones Hill	"	"	W. M. Dunn	Spring Hope	1.00							1.00
Central Baptist	Rev. D. B. Mdodona	Wilmington	W. B. Mclaughlin	Wilmington	2.50		8.00					10.00
1st Bap. Rocky Mount	Dr. M. A. Tally	Rocky Mount	Fred Simpson	Rocky Mount			5.00					5.00

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Tabernacle	Rev. A. L. E. Weeks	Wilson	Jas. Holden	Wilson	2 00							2.00
1st Bap. Warrenton	Rev. C. H. Williamson	Raleigh	Hon. M. F. Thornton	Warrenton	1.00							1.00
1st Bap. Charlotte	Dr. S. P. Lewis	Charlotte	Edgar Phillips	Charlotte	2.00	1.00	1.00	.50	1.00			5.50
Tupper Memorial	Dr. D. J. Avery	Raleigh	A. J. P. Holcombe	Raleigh	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00				5.00
Nazareth, Asheville	Rev. F. A. Harris	Asheville	Will Blow	Asheville	1.00							1.00
Spring Garden	Rev. Fred M. Davis	Wilson	S. R. Vinters	Washington	1.00							1.00
Mt. Gilead	Rev. J. T. Deans	Warsaw	Thos. Pettiford	Mt. Olive	1.00		3.00					5.00
1st. Bap. Southport	Gev. C. Goodman	Southport			2.00		3.00					5.00
Wingate Bap. Church	Rev. E. C. Crowder	Wingate, Route 2			2.00							2.00
Mt. Olive	Rev. D. W. Early	Aulander	Noah Cherry	Aulander	1.00							1.00
Spring Hill	"	"	S. H. Mosley	Lewiston	1.00							1.00
Weeping Mary	"	"	Jno. Watson	Lewiston	1.00							1.00
Mt. Nebo	G. W. Pillips	Wilmington	S. M. Brooks	Wilmington	2.00							2.00
Annual Members	**Post Offices**											
Rev. J. S. Davis	Shoeco				1.00							1.00
Rev. Geo. Williams	Clarkton				1.00							1.00
Rev. J. W. Wood	Weldon				1.00							1.00
Rev. J. H. A. Jenkins	Oxford				1.00							1.00
Rev C. F. Pope	Burgaw				1.00							1.00
Rev. I. S. T ylor	Lagrange				1.00							1.00
Rev. J. D. Hood	Lagrange				1.00							1.00
Rev. R. Spiller, D.D.	Durham				1.00							1.00
Rev. A. D. Kerr	Faison				1.00							1.00
Rev. D. C. Gore	Supply				1.00							1.00
Rev. G. W. Phillips	Wilmington				1.00							1.00
Rev. S. T. Shiver	Wilmington				1.00							1.00
Rev. G. Goodwin	Laurinburg				.50							.50

Collections for the following—Shaw University	$134.09	
For a Sick Man	2.00	
From Special Workers	69.05	
Dr. M. H. Moore	45.00	
		250.14
Grand total for all objects brought to Convention		$1089.57

THE BLENDING OF THE TWO CONVENTIONS.

Synopsis of the Thirteenth Annual Session of the North Carolina National Baptist State Convention, Held With The Guilfield Baptist Church, New Bern, N. C., October 13 *to* 18, 1915, *Inclusive.*

This was one of the most memorable Sessions in the history of the Convention. The reason is, that it was this Session that took the decisive step toward uniting its forces with those of the Baptist Ministerial and Educational Convention of the State.

At this Session the following named brethren of the Ministerial and Educational Convention of the State were present in the interest of Baptist unity: Rev. Dr. E. E. Smith, Rev. Dr. A. W. Pegues, Rev. Dr. N. F. Roberts, Rev. Dr. A. B. Vincent, and Dr. A. M. Moore.

These brethren were cordially received and heartily welcomed. Before they left for their several homes, they were assured that our Convention would send a friendly commission to meet their Convention in Wilmington, N. C., in November, 1915, for the purpose of helping to unite the two State bodies. The commission of the National Baptist State Convention consisted of: Rev. Dr. J. T. Clark, Rev. Dr. G. D. Griffin, Rev. Dr. B. W. Dance, Rev. Dr. L. T. Christmas, Rev. Dr. R. A. Morrisy, Bro. Geo. M. James, Rev. Dr. C. M. Cartwright, Rev. Dr. R. Spiller, and Prof. C. F. Graves.

Our Convention adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, this Convention has appointed a commission to meet a similar commission of the Educational and Missionary Convention that meets in Wilmington, N. C., November 16, 1915, to consider terms of unity; and whereas, the expressed intention is, that after the meetings of these conventions, if agreement can be reached to call a great congress comprising all the Baptist leaders of the State to decide on the dissolution of all existing conventions and organize a new convention which shall embrace the interests of all the Baptists of the State. That the above named brethren who constitute the com-

mission from this convention be invested with full and unlimited power to act, and do what to them may seem best for the Baptist forces of North Carolina and for the kingdom of God in general. That this Convention consign its destiny into their hands, and is willing to abide by whatever they may do.

The Convention conducted its general routine business, and re-elected all its officers. The annual officers, the time and place of the next annual meeting was left, of course, subject to the action of the commissions, or rather to the action of the newly organized convention.

It was very well understood that if the two conventions blended or merged, there would be only one Baptist convention in the State and, therefore, only one set of officers, etc.

THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Secretary James' Account.

Cr.

To printing minutes of Convention	$ 58.00
To postage on minutes	1.50
To express and drayage on minutes	.60
To correspondence	.50
To stationery	1.75
To express on minutes to Convention	.40
Total credit	$ 62.75

Dr.

Part payment on minutes (1914)	$ 15.00
From Mrs. Carrie R. Powell on minutes	2.00
From O. E. M. B. Association (October, 1915)	13.25
Total	$ 30.25
Balance due Secretary	32.50

Convention Account.

October 17, 1915, from Finance Committee	$162.15
From Sunday School Convention	4.00
Total	$166.15

Disbursements.

To Rev. Dr. E. M. Brawley	$ 2.00
To Rev. Dr. N. F. Roberts	3.00
To sisters Peterson and Davis (white missionaries)	2.05
To Rev. J. B. Trafton for services	1.50
To Guilfield Sunday School	2.13
To Rev. Dr. C. M. Cartwright, for Convention publications	15.00
To Rev. Dr. C. M. Cartwright, for printing	1.50
To Rev. Dr. C. M. Cartwright, for cards	.50
To Rev. Dr. C. M. Cartwright, for 100 letters	1.00
To Rev. Dr. C. M. Cartwright, for programs, etc.	3.75
To Rev. Dr. C. M. Cartwright, for telegrams	.75
To Rev. Dr. C. M. Cartwright, for traveling for the Convention	10.80
To Secretary James (due on minutes)	32.50
To Secretary James, for services	16.00
To President Cartwright, for services	10.00
To Finance Committee, for services	3.00
To sexton, for services	2.00
To Geo. M. James on present minutes	5.00
To Roanoke Collegiate Institute	10.00
To Foreign Missions (per President Cartwright)	35.00
To Rev. S. P. Shields, for services	1.50
To Guilfield Baptist Church	4.00
Disbursed	$162.62
Carried forward	3.53

UNION BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, N. C.,

Wednesday, January 12, 1916.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the General Congress of the Baptists of the State assembled and was called to order by Rev. Dr. G. O. Bullock, Rev. W. C. Pope, and Rev. Harrison led devotions. Brother Harrison lined hymn, "*O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink.*" Brother Pope read the 73rd Psalm and offered prayer. Congress sang, "*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord.*" Rev. B. W. Dance led in prayer.

The Congress was then ready for business. On motion, Rev. H. P. Cheatham and Bro. Geo. M. James were elected chairman and secretary, *pro tem*, respectively.

Brethren G. D. Griffin, H. S. Hargrave, G. O. Bullock, E. E. Smith, and B. W. Dance were appointed as committee on enrollment and finance.

A motion prevailed that each delegate or messenger pay to this Convention one dollar, each, if possible: and that all money sent up to the Convention be apportioned as designated by the sender. A motion prevailed that the joint commission from the two former Conventions constitute the committee on constitution.

Rev. Dr. A. P. Eaton addressed the Congress on the subject of unity.

While the committee on constitution was out, several brethren spoke earnestly on the question of Baptist unity, and the necessity of the same.

Rev. M. A. Talley proposed that the Congress spend the immediately present time in prayer for the real unity of the Baptist brotherhood. This was agreed to, and the audience sang, "*Blest Be the Tie That Binds.*" Prayer by Brother Parker. Song, "*What a Fellowship.*"

The committee on constitution came forward, and reported through its secretary, Rev. Dr. C. S. Brown. The report was read and adopted by sections, together with some amendments. See constitution.

Rev. P. P. Watson, formerly of South Carolina, but now of Wilson, N. C., was introduced. He made a brief, but strong and pleasing address. Rev. Dr. Tolliver, Field Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, was presented, but he did not make any address.

Rev. Dr. W. T. Coleman and others spoke vividly respecting the election of a President, and his (the President's) tenure of office. Brother Coleman was of the opinion that one year at a time is long enough for a brother to remain as President. It was agreed, however, that the tenure of office of the President should not be longer than two years in succession.

The question as to whether it would be better to nominate the annual officers from the floor, or by a committee on nominations was discussed *pro* and *con*. After which it was agreed to have a committee of fifteen (15) on nominations. The chair, accordingly, appointed: Rev. Dr. P. S. Lewis, Col. James H. Young, Rev. C. H. Williamson, Dr. W. T. Coleman, Rev. Dr. C. M. Cartwright, Rev. Dr. B. W. Dance, Rev. Dr. L. J. Alexander, Rev. J. H. Rowe, Rev. Dr. M. Dodonna, Rev. Dr. R. Spiller, Bro. J. B. Sommerville, Prof. C. F Graves, Rev. Dr. M. A. Talley, Rev. Dr. S. N. Vass, and Rev. Dr. J. E. Dellinger.

Visitors were assigned to comfortable homes, and the meeting adjourned until five o'clock this afternoon.

REV. H. P. CHEATHAM,
Chairman, *pro tem.*
BRO. GEO. M. JAMES,
Secretary, *pro tem.*

EVENING SESSION.

Five o'clock. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cheatham. Songs, "*Take the Name of Jesus With You,*" and "*Once More We Meet to Pray.*" Invocation by Rev. G. Stamper.

The house was ready for business, and the committee on finance reported that the amount collected was $73.25. For special Convention expenses, Rev. Dr. Brawley was allowed $14.00.

On motion, the chair appointed a committee on place as follows: Rev. S. G. Stamper, Rev. Dr. W. H. Moore, Rev. Dr. G. W. Moore, Rev. Dr. C. E. Askew, Rev. O. G. Allen, and Rev. Dr. H. S. Witherspoon.

Rev. Dr. C. S. Morris, of Norfolk, Va., addressed the Convention. He is an eloquent, logical and masterly speaker. His pathetic and persuasive discourse was followed by applause.

THE ANNUAL OFFICERS.

The committee on nomination of annual officers reported as follows:

For President, Rev. Dr. G. D. Griffin, of Hertford.

For First Vice-President, Rev. H. P. Cheatham, of Oxford.

For Second Vice-President, Rev. M. T. Sommerville of Warrenton.

For Recording Secretary, Rev. Dr. W. H. Moore, of Wilmington.

For Assistant Recording Secretary, Prof. Geo. M. James, of Scotland Neck.

For Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Dr. C. S. Brown, of Winton.

For Treasurer, Rev. Dr. G. W. Moore, of Raleigh.

For Auditor, Prof. C. F. Graves, of Elizabeth City.

For Statistician, Rev. Dr. M. A. Talley, of Rocky Mount.

After considerable exchange of opinions, respecting the nomination of Corresponding Secretary, the report was adopted.

About fifty (50) young men representing the "Metoka Improvement," marched to the table and presented to the Convention $5.00. Thanks.

The committee on place reported that the Annual Session of the Union Baptist State Convention meet with the First Baptist Church in Statesville, N. C., Tuesday after the second Lord's Day in November, 1916. The report was adopted.

It was agreed that the reorganization of the two Baptist State Sunday School Conventions would take

place in the city of Oxford, N. C., in August, 1916.

A motion passed that a synopsis of the proceedings of the last Session of the two State Conventions be printed and published together, and under one and the same cover; that all money of the two Conventions be turned over to the Treasurer of the Union Baptist State Convention.

A vote of thanks was tendered Rev. H. P. Cheatham for the able and impartial manner in which he presided over the meeting of the Baptist Congress here.

The newly elected annual officers were presented to the Convention, and duly installed.

President Griffin made a few brief and appropriate remarks, and a vote of thanks was tendered Durham for her kind and royal entertainment of the Congress and Convention. Convention adjourned.

REV. DR. G. D. GRIFFIN, President.
REV. DR. W. H. MOORE, Secretary.

BOARD OF THE CONVENTION.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Convention shall be known as "THE UNION BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA."

ARTICLE II.

It shall be the object of this Convention to encourage and assist Shaw University; to educate young men called of God to the ministry and approved by the churches to which they belong; to encourage education among all the people of the State; to support the gospel in all destitute portions of the State; to send the gospel to Africa and other heathen lands; to encourage the distribution and the study of the Bible and sound religious literature; to assist Baptist Churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship in unoccupied sections; to encourage the proper care of indigent orphan children and destitute and aged ministers of the gospel; and to promote all agencies for social betterment.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. This Convention shall be composed of Baptist Associations of North Carolina, regular Baptist Churches, and all Baptist organizations of a missionary nature or character, and members in good standing in regular Baptist Churches.

Sec. 2. Any person in good standing in a Baptist Church may become an annual member of this Convention by the payment of one dollar. Any Baptist Association may be represented by the payment of fifty cents per church, and may send one delegate for every ten churches or fraction thereof. Any Baptist church contributing during the year to the objects of this Convention, shall be entitled to representation in this body, and churches so represented, shall be required to pay an additional sum of two dollars, annually, to meet the current expenses, and pastors of such contributing churches shall be considered members of this Convention by virtue of office. All churches, associations, and Baptist organizations contributing money for foreign missions, shall be permitted to designate where this money shall be sent, and each member present shall be entitled to one vote on all questions.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Assistant Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Statistician, and an Auditor.

Sec. 2. To promote more vigorously the work of this Convention, there shall be appointed a State Mission Board, consisting of thirty-five members, elected by this body, and one member from each Association in the State. The members of this Board shall be considered the direct representatives of the interests of the Convention in their respective sections. The State Mission Board may appoint from time to time sub-committees for the prosecution of the work of the Board. The Executive Committee shall be made up of the members of the State Mission Board.

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee, in addition to its general duties, is authorized through its representatives to confer with, and institute plans for co-operate work in the State with the State Sunday School Convention and the Woman's Baptist State Convention, and with the other existing Baptist organizations.

Sec. 4. The President shall preside at all the meetings of this

Convention, and sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer. One of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the same duties in the absence of the President.

Sec. 5. The Recording Secretary and Assistant Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Convention, shall prepare the minutes for the press, publish and distribute the same.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall receive all funds collected for this Convention, and make public acknowledgement of same every month in a paper designated by the Convention, hold all cash and notes belonging to the Convention, forward at least once in two months all contributions to their proper destination, and give a suitable bond to the Board of Missions, and make a full report of receipts and disbursements to the Convention, and to turn over to his successor in office, on retiring, all the papers and books belonging thereto.

Sec. 7. The Corresponding Secretary shall be considered the official representative of the Board of Missions, and shall conduct the correspondence of the Convention, issue all appeals for funds, make out and sign all orders on the Treasurer, and shall report as agent of the Mission Board to the Convention all the work done during the year, and offer recommendations for the future development of the work. He shall receive contributions for all the objects of the Convention, and pay the same over to the Treasurer within thirty days. The Board of Missions shall fix the salary of the Corresponding Secretary and all other agents and missionaries of the Convention.

Sec. 8. The auditor shall, before each annual meeting of the Convention, examine carefully the receipts, disbursements, vouchers, papers and books of the Treasurer, and his certificate to the facts in the case shall be attached to the Treasurer's report.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. The Executive Committee, composed of fifteen members, elected by the mission board, shall be located at Raleigh, N. C., and shall have charge of the work of the Convention, subject to the approval of the Board of Missions.

Sec. 2. The officers of the Convention shall be elected annually. The officers and missionaries shall be members in good standing in regular Baptist Churches. The President cannot hold office more than two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE VI.

The Convention shall meet annually on Tuesday evening after the second Sunday in November, and close on the following Friday evening.

The Board of Missions shall meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the day of the convening of the Convention and at the same place.

ARTICLE VII.

The funds of this Convention shall be designated as educational, foreign mission, home mission, and general. These funds shall be kept separate and distinct, and the money contributed to either must be applied as designated. Any moneys sent up for any other object approved by the Convention shall be turned over to that object.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Convention, prior to the last day, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of the same was given the previous year.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, HELD AT WILMINGTON, N. C., NOVEMBER 15, 1915.

The Baptist Ministerial Conference assembled in its Third Annual Session in the Central Baptist Church, on the above date at 8 P. M.

Rev. R. Spiller, D. D., of Durham, N. C., the honored President, called the house to order, and designated Rev. D. S. Saulters, of High Point, N. C., to conduct the devotional exercises, who lined hymn No. 329, C. M., and read 86th division of Psalms as a scripture lesson. Rev. W. Earlie offered prayer.

Hymn No. 78 was sung. Brother W. D. Smith led in fervent prayer. *"What a Fellowship"* was sung by the Conference.

The President, in a few well-chosen words, made opening remarks. Said he, "I feel very thankful to know that I have lived another year. It is a great privilege to be living. I am afraid," said he, "that we are not as grateful to God as we should be. The great, and those who are not considered to be great, are falling. Tonight, our great and lamented Booker T. Washington has fallen, and lies on his cooling board. But such is the case with all mankind."

The speaker emphasized the importance of doing something in this life, so when we quit these shores of time, unborn generations can rise up and call us blessed.

Dr. W. H. Moore made some remarks as to the place of meeting being changed from his place of worship, as they were making repairs for the Convention. He spoke of the friendly relations existing between Shiloh and Central churches, and that the Conference could feel as much at home as if they were in Shiloh.

Rev. G. W. Moore, in the chair, stated it was time for the President's address. Rev. I. M. Powers made a motion that the President's address be deferred until tomorrow. Seconded by Rev. D. J. Saulters. Motion prevailed.

Enrollment blanks were furnished by the secretaries, and the Conference proceeded to enroll. Enrollment fees collected, $9.50.

Dr. S. H. Witherspoon, Corresponding Secretary, urged that the brethren would not find fault, but each one esteem each other and get down to real work. Said he, "We are only here for a few hours and the work should be done cheerfully."

The President asked for remarks from the brethren. Rev. Hopper said, "I am glad to be here and to take part in this Conference. I am now blind. Been pastoring over 50 years. Have baptized over 4,337 persons, and have given my life to God's cause."

As Father Hopper related the toils and struggles he had come through in the Master's cause, many amens went up from the Conference in thanking God for his great work. "*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*" was sung.

Rev. Mdodona, Pastor of the Central Baptist Church, said, "I am glad to be here and to find myself in this great Conference. Truly, we are too glad to have you meet in our church, and especially the ex-pastors. We are one of you and will do all we can to make your stay a pleasant one."

Brother J. T. Stanford, Deacon of Central Church, said, "I endorse what Rev. Mdodona has said. My prayers shall be that your stay here will be a good one."

Rev. I. M. Powers remarked, "I am proud to be here and to see the gospel ministers united together and such love existing as seems to be among our brethren. God is surely in the midst." Dr. W. H. Moore, made a motion which was seconded by Rev. A. A. Smith, that a committee be appointed from this Conference to act with the Educational and Missionary Convention to draft suitable resolutions of our lamented Booker T. Washington. The following brethren were appointed: G. W. Moore, A. A. Smith, S. H. Witherspoon, W. H. Moore, and D. W. Earlie.

Dr. Witherspoon submitted a motion, seconded by Rev. D. S. Saulters, that a telegram be sent from this body to be read at the funeral service.

Rev. G. W. Moore made remarks. Said he, "Where

there is union, there is strength. We must work together and stir up something. The man who does not stir up something, can't do much."

Rev. J. B. How, Pastor of Goldsboro Church, expressed himself of being happy to be in the meeting. Said he, "I am glad to see in North Carolina a Baptist Union, an organization that is destined to bring the Baptist preachers together."

Rev. D. S. Saulters stated, "I am glad to be here and to see all the brethren. I have been with you ever since the Union was organized, and my stay has been sweet. I thank God for this opportunity to express myself."

Dr. S. H. Witherspoon, our able Corresponding Secretary, said in part, "It is, indeed, a very great pleasure for me to be here to meet you and greet you. I remember," said he, "some years ago the sainted Dr. Tupper said 'We want to have a Baptist Union of all the preachers in North Carolina. The Union was organized at Goldsboro, N. C., about 1885, and was kept up for some time, but failed because of lack of interest on the part of the brethren in the State. About five years ago," said he, "when I came back to Raleigh, the President of the Convention, Dr. A. W. Pegues, urged me to work up a Union. I sent out circulars, and we met in Rocky Mount, and reorganized a good Union which still exists."

The speaker further remarked, "The time has come for us to get together. We need unanimity in prayer, purpose and efforts. We, as Baptists, are right, and since this is a fact, God is looking at us. The world is depending upon us; and we need not hope to get the crown without the cross."

The speaker was enthused and made each heart burn while he made such a strong plea for Union.

Rev. C. R. Smith said, "I am glad to be here; this is my first visit here; I trust we are all together. I love the spirit of the brethren."

The President stated that Rev. G. W. Moore had been honored with D. D. The Convention rose to greet and congratulate Dr. Moore.

The announcements were made, and the Convention sang "*Blest Be the Tie That Binds.*"

Benediction by Rev. B. B. Brown.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Conference assembled at 10 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Revs. C. R. Murray and W. D. Smith.

The President, Dr. R. Spiller, announced the meeting opened and ready for business.

O. J. Allen, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the last evening Session, which were approved.

Several brethren were unrolled.

A motion prevailed that the names of Bros. Bess and Hopper be enrolled without paying their fees.

Rev. D. T. Bess thanked the Conference, and said in part, "I am proud to be here. I have retired from pastoring churches. I have organized twenty churches. I am doing home work now, going from place to place meeting the brethren and saying good-bye. My days are few, pray for me."

Rev. Hopper also thanked the Conference.

Rev. S. H. Witherspoon made a strong appeal along the line of "Ministerial Courtesy and Dignity." Revs. H. Pair, D. S. Saulters, and Dr. W. H. Moore made timely remarks on the subject. Rev. A. A. Smith also spoke on the topic. Dr. L. T. Christmas, Dr. B. W. Dance, Prof. G. N. James, and Rev. E. A. Taylor were introduced to the Conference.

Rev. B. W. Dance said, "I am proud to be here. I have truly enjoyed the address of Dr. Witherspoon on 'Ministerial Dignity.'" He referred to the pleasant pastorial fellowship of Dr. Spiller as pastor in Edenton. I am here with you to do whatever I can to help push forward the work.

Dr. L. T. Christmas said, "I always enjoy meeting the Lord's people. Whenever the fight is on for the tearing down of Satan's kingdom, you may count me in."

Rev. E. A. Taylor said, "I am truly glad to be here to meet and greet you. I am glad to look in the face of men who represent Jesus Christ." Said he, "I believe that if there is any class of men who should stand together, from the mountains to the seashore, it should be the negro ministers. We should denounce all ministers who do not stand for God's Kingdom. Oneness should be in all North Carolina." He emphasized the importance of a minister who would stand upon his dignity.

Prof. James made some timely remarks.

Rev. C. Goodwin made remarks.

Time for the President's address. Rev. A. A. Smith, in the chair, introduced Dr. Spiller, who proceeded to give his annual address, which was a masterpiece, and made a recommendation that a committee of three be appointed to formulate plans for the betterment of our Conference.

Dr. Witherspoon led the blessed old hymn, *"Go Preach My Gospel, Saith the Lord."*

Rev. C. T. Underwood offered prayer.

Rev. A. L. E. Weeks sang *"We Shall Be Like Him."*

Rev. Saulters made remarks on the address.

Motion prevailed that the President's address be printed in minutes. (Synopsis.)

Motion prevailed that the rule be suspended, and all officers be elected by acclamation.

Motion prevailed that a representative from each association be one of the Vice-Presidents.

Roll was called. Annual fees, $8.50.

Benediction by Rev. T. Parker.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was opened with a most interesting praise meeting, conducted by Revs. S. D. Standford and McKnight.

The minutes were read, and a motion prevailed to adopt the same.

The Revs. C. M. Cartwright, Prof. Graves, G. D. Griffin, S. T. Eldridge, and Carr were introduced.

Dr. Cartwright said, "Mr. President and brethren, I am glad to be here. I pray that peace and prosperity may abound from the mountain to the seashore. Whatever our differences are or have been, we should get together and stand for God."

Dr. N. F. Roberts being absent, Rev. S. T. Eldridge was designated to speak on the subject, "The Distinctive Principles of a Baptist."

The speaker impressed the fact of religious liberty. Said he, "We gave to the United States a form of liberty. (1) Baptists stand for regeneration. (2) For baptism by immersion. This may be called narrow, but we are just as narrow as the New Testament. The speaker urged his hearers to preach the gospel, pour out the Word, and save the world for God's cause.

Rev. G. D. Griffin, D. D., spoke on the topic "The External Relations of the Church." He began by defining the word "Church," and made the assertion that only persons who are converted and baptized are members of the Church. He further spoke on the Independence of the Church, stating that no convention or rules should attempt to boss or rule Baptist Churches. Baptist Churches are not a confederation but a distinct unit. Each church is responsible to the extent of its power to promote the welfare of all other churches. The duty of a newly organized church is to seek recognition from other churches. Said he, "The relation of Church to State should be: Every member should be humble, and obedient to civil law in so far as they do not come in contact with the living God."

Dr. A. B. Vincent made remarks on the splendid address of Dr. Griffin.

Topic—"The Ordinances of the Church and Their Scriptural Use" was ably discussed by Rev. G. W. Watkins, of Charlotte, N. C. There are two scriptural ordinances—Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism, said the speaker, is an act of the individual believer, and all believers should be baptized, for Jesus said, "It becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." The communion

was discussed freely by the distinguished orator and profound thinker.

Prof. C. F. Pope read an excellent paper on the topic—"The Proper Persons to be Ordained as Ministers and Deacons, and Under Whose Authority." He said, "(1) The minister must, first of all, be called of God to preach the gospel; (2) then the Church should decide if the brother is in earnest."

The speaker emphasized some of the qualifications: (1) Desire of the people to hear him. (2) Manifestation of his desire to save souls. (3) Preachers should be trained.

Said he, "The deacon should be one who has the interest of the church at heart, sympathize with the pastor, and render him all necessary help. He should be a liberal man, one who can attend church and one who can read."

This address was fine and was well delivered. Rev. L. W. Wertz, of Statesville, N. C., was introduced and expressed himself of being pleased to meet the Conference.

Enrollment fees collected, $8.50.

Rev. I. M. Powell pronounced the benediction.

CLOSING SESSION.

The Conference assembled in the basement of the Shiloh Baptist Church on Friday morning, November 19, at 9 A. M.

The President called the meeting to order, and after the devotional services, declared the house ready for business.

Many brethren expressed themselves of being pleased with the spirit which existed among the brethren of the Conference.

By a motion, which prevailed, the following appropriations were made:

Rev. Daniel Best	$ 2.00
Rev. R. Royals	1.00

Rev. R. H. Hopper	2.50
Corresponding Secretary, for programs, etc.	6.21
Recording Secretary	2.00
Dr. W. H. Moore, for minutes	8.00
Total	$21.71
Brought forward, 1914	$ 6.87
Fees collected	28.00
Total	$34.87
Disbursed	21.71
In treasury	$13.16

REV. R. SPILLER, President.
O. J. ALLEN, Recording Secretary.

A committee of five were appointed on constitution, viz.: Rev. D. B. Mdodana, H. Petterson, O. J. Allen, A. B. Vincent, and R. Spiller.

Thus closed a most harmonious Session of the Conference, the gavel went gently down and the Conference rose to meet in Durham, N. C., Tuesday, January 11, 1916, at 8 P. M.

Pursuant to the adjournment of the First Session of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of North Carolina, on January 11, 1914, the Baptist Ministers' Union of North Carolina was called to order by President Spiller. Devotions were conducted by Revs. D. S. Saulter and Washington. The following order was then observed: Words of welcome, by Dr. E. M. Brawley, Pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, N. C. Said he, "I do not believe in welcome addresses. When we invited you here to Durham, we meant it. During the Christmas season, we devoured all the turkey and chicken, but we have enough meat and bread left to keep you from going to heaven by starvation before you leave Durham." President Spiller arose and gave a hearty response to the welcome address of Dr. Brawley. Remarks were made by Dr. C. M. Cartwright. A three-minute talk by members present was very inspiring to all.

Dr. Brawley submitted a motion that we, the ministers of the gospel, do now organize ourselves into a Baptist State Ministers' Union, which motion was carried.

A motion was made by Dr. A. W. Pegues, and seconded by Dr. A. B. Vincent, that the officers constitute the program committee.

Dr. C. M. Cartwright was introduced, and placed in the chair. He expressed himself as being much pleased to be in the Conference. Said he, "I am here for business, not foolishness. As has been said, this meeting marks an epoch in Baptist affairs of this State. Ou calling is a great one, and we should honor our calling. We are glad to be here; we are not here for office, nor seeking favors."

Dr. E. E. Smith was introduced. Said he, "Mr. President, on one occasion, the question was asked in Jerusalem, 'Shall Jesus be king?' And they cried, 'Crucify Him.' The same question was asked in Rome, and they said, 'Away with Him;' and Rome went down. If this Convention accepts Jesus as King, it will have power." The speaker carried us off into oratorical flights. The Conference sang, "*Blest Be the Tie That Binds.*"

The following brethren were enrolled: Drs. Spiller, E. M. Brawley, J. M. Taylor, D. S. Saulters, J. A. Lewis, W. D. Smith, Rev. J. W. Wood, Dr. Geo. Bullock, Rev. W. C. Pope, Dr. C. M. Cartwright, Rev. A. A. Cooper, Rev. J. P. Pair, Rev. O. S. Bullock, Rev. A. P Eaton, Prof. W. S. Creecy, Dr. M. A. Talley, Dr. E. E. Smith, Dr. C. S. Brown, Dr. S. H. Witherspoon, Rev. C. T. Underwood, Clinton, N. C.; Dr. N. F. Roberts, Raleigh, N. C.; Dr. J. A. Whitted, Durham, N. C.; Rev. Chas. H. Mayers, Durham, N. C.; Dr. W. H. Moore, Wilmington, N. C.; Rev. Thomas C. Parke Watson, N. C.; David D. Mdodona; Dr. A. W. Pegues, Raleigh, N. C.; L. A. West, Charleton, N. C.; S. S. Person, Franklinton, N. C.; T. S. Henderson, Maneson, N. C.; A. A. Cheek, Elberon, N. C.; M. C. Ransom, Oxford, N. C.; Rev. L. J. Alexander, Wise, N. C.; L. A. Brooks, Kittrell, N. C.; Prof. W. H. Knuckles, Lumberton, N. C.; H. S. Falbs, Durham, N. C.; Rev. R. A. Wooten, Orrum, N. C.; Rev. J. C. Taylor, East Durham, N. C.; Rev. C. W. Toncan, Durham, N. C.

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Treasurer, Dr. N. F. Roberts.

A committee appointed to draft a constitution was composed of Dr. Talley, Rev. Mdodona, Rev. Dance, Rev. Geo. Moore, and Dr. C. M. Cartwright.

Rev. A. P. Eaton paid 50 cents. Prof. W. S. Creecy paid 50 cents.

Rev. D. L. Simons, Rev. J. W. Scott, West Durham, N. C.; Rev. W. H. Williams; Rev. J. M. Smith, Shannon, N. C.; Rev. B. F. Jordon, Lumberton, N. C.; Rev. T. Deans; Rev. Geo. W. Moore; Rev. D. S. Southe, High Point, N. C.; Rev. J. R. Call, Wilmington, N. C.; Rev. J. H. Rhoe, Wilmington, N. C.; Rev. W. J. Poindexton, Winston, N. C.; W. Blackwell.

$13.16 was turned over to the Union from the Session, which met in Wilmington in November.

Paid Dr. S. W. Witherspoon $3.00 for cards. Balance in treasury, $10.16.

Durham, N. C., January 12, 1916.

A special Session of the Baptist State Sunday School Convention assembled in White Rock Baptist Church, January 12. President, A. M. Moore, presiding. W. S. Creecy, acting secretary.

The following persons and churches were represented:

Mt. Pisgoh, Burgaw	$ 1.00
First Baptist Sunday School, Oxford	.50
R. W. Royers	.50

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New Providence Sunday School, by Rev. C. M. McDoangal	.50
Zion Sunday School	4.00
J. H. Satterwhite	.50
First Baptist Sunday School, Hertford	.50
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Edward Taylor	.50
Edgar Evans	.50
T. S. Bourrell	.50
J. H. Williams	.50
R. T. Jennings	.50
S. T. Griggs Wilson Sunday School, Wilson	.50
Total	$11.00

REPORTED THROUGH DR. L. T. CHRISTMAS.

Eton College	$ .55
Eton College	1.00
Chapel Hill	.55
Chapel Hill	5.00
Forestville	.55
	1.00
Total	$ 8.65

A motion was carried that $6.75 be paid Dr. A. W. Pegues for publishing expenses, which left a balance in treasury with Prof. W. S. Creecy of $5.25.

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